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Early Career Scientists: Professional Development series

You're invited! Enjoy food and swag as we explore two exciting career paths: Project Management and Medical Writing.

Project Management: The What, Why, and How

Speaker: Andrea Baldwin

Come find out what Project Management is all about, the day-to-day reality, and how to make the transition from the bench to a project leadership position.

- Date: October 30, Thursday
- Time: Doors open at 6:15. Seminar starts 6:30
- Place: Hologic, Inc. 10210 Genetic Center
- FREE EVENT



Register here



Medical Writing: The What, Why, and How

Speaker: Wing Tuet, PhD

Learn about the advantages of a career in medical writing, how to make this career shift, and how medical writing and bench work are more similar than you think – but without all the failed experiments.

- Date: Nov 13, Thursday
- Time: Doors open at 6:15. Seminar starts 6:30
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Dear ACS San Diego Members,

October has always been a month of breakthroughs in chemistry. On October 23, 1876, the German chemist **Wilhelm Ostwald**—later a Nobel Prize winner—was born; his pioneering work in catalysis and chemical equilibria continues to shape our field today. Fittingly, October 23 is now celebrated worldwide as **Mole Day**, commemorating Avogadro's number (6.02×10^{23}) and offering chemists a playful way to share our science. On October 9, 1803, English chemist **John Dalton** formally presented his atomic theory, establishing the foundation of modern chemistry and fundamentally changing how we understand matter. These milestones remind us of chemistry's enduring impact across generations.

Last month, we held our **Annual ACS San Diego Local Section Picnic**, and what a fantastic day it was! With over 60 members in attendance, the event featured a lively dessert contest with wonderful prizes, lawn games, an inflatable obstacle course, tacos, beer, and plenty of great company. It was one of our most successful picnics yet, and we want to thank everyone who joined us for food, fun, and fellowship.

We also celebrated this year's **Distinguished Scientist Banquet, honoring Dr. John Hood** for his remarkable work in drug discovery and the development of ENV-101, the first agent to show reversal of fibrotic disease in humans. Dr. Hood delivered an inspiring talk on his scientific journey, and we were thrilled to welcome a record 60 attendees for the occasion.

Looking ahead, October is packed with exciting programming. The **Women's Trailblazing Award Banquet** will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 AM at the Encore Event Center, honoring outstanding contributions by women in chemistry.

On **October 30, 2025**, we will host the first in our career Development Seminar Series: **"Project Management: The What, Why, and How"** with speaker **Andrea Baldwin**. [Register here](#). Then on **November 13, 2025**, we will also host **"Medical Writing: The What, Why, and How"** with speaker **Wing Tuet, PhD**. [Register here](#). Don't miss out!

Beyond these events, we have several more talks in the works. While we were disappointed to learn that **Taylor Guitars had to step back from their planned program**, we are still lining up exciting end-of-year talks that will bring fresh perspectives to our community. We will try to book a gig with them in 2026. Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks!

Thank you for staying active in ACS San Diego. Your participation at our picnics, banquets, and seminars makes this section thrive. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Please explore the open positions for our **upcoming election**. Taking on a leadership role is a great way to influence the direction of our society, network with colleagues, learn and mentor, and contribute to the advancement of our ACS commitment to broaden the chemistry enterprise for the community at large.

Warm regards,

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



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ChemExpo2025

San Diego's Celebration of National Chemistry Week



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, November 8, 2025 • 9am-3pm

San Diego ACS will hold their annual event to promote the value of chemistry in everyday life. The goal is to help our community to explore and understand chemistry with a focus on the chemistry of spices. Together, we will learn about how spices are used by plants and by humans and how chemistry plays a role in all of it.

The main event: 11 am to 3 pm

There will be Girls Scout and Scouts BSA badge work starting at 9am, with setup starting at 8am. K-12 students will come between 11am – 3pm to participate in hands-on activities and watch stage demos from San Diego college students.

Location Information:

Campus Map: <http://sdmiramar.edu/map>

Driving/Walking Instructions: The College is at 10440 Black Mountain Road between Mira Mesa Blvd and Carroll Canyon Road.

- From Black Mountain Road, turn into campus parking lot (look for solar panel structures)
- Park in lot 2. Parking is free during the weekend
- From the parking lot, walk east on "West Compass Walk" to "Compass Point" near the Science Building

What to Expect:

- Local company, ACS, and organization booths
- University student stage demos
- Hands On Tables with Miramar College & CSU San Marcos Students and Faculty

We need volunteers and organizations to:

- Bring company tables
- Staff ACS and other organization tables
- Staff the Scout area
- Keep the stage demos and raffles running
- Coordinate volunteers



Please sign up to exhibit or to volunteer by Oct. 1, 2025 at volunteers@sandiegoacs.org. Let us know any assignment preferences.

For K-12 Students - We will have raffle drawings for fun prizes like Amazon Gift Cards and chemistry swag.



OPEN POSITIONS

Email Carolina Ibarra by October 18, to declare your candidacy
cibarra@sandiegoacs.org



GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

Quorum: Participate in Executive Committee meetings and vote on behalf of the best interests of the Local Section membership.

Conduct business on behalf of the Local Section as necessary (e.g., serve on sub-committees, volunteer in the planning and execution of Local Section events and outreach).

Act as a fiduciary for American Chemical Society and the Local Section membership.

Uphold and respect the by-laws of the Local Section and the American Chemical Society.

CHAIR -ELECT

Eligibility: Regular members

Duration: 1 year*

- Duties: Serve as Program Chair; Serve as Chair; Serve as Immediate past-Chair. Supervise, coordinate and overall direct the section activities are the primary and ongoing functions. A chair should provide leadership for the section officers and committee chairs.

*Year 1: Chair-elect

Year 2: Chair

Year 3: Immediate Past-chair



TREASURER



- Eligibility: Regular members
- Duration: 1 year
- Duties: Collect and disburse all funds of the Section; send out all notices of dues and arrearages; report to the Secretary the names of all Local Section Affiliates dropped from the rolls of the Section for non-payment of dues; collect all funds due the Section from the society; render a financial report to the Section at the annual business meeting; and perform other duties customarily associated with this office.

SECRETARY

- **Eligibility:** Regular member
- **Duration:** 1 year
- **Duties:** The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Section and of the meetings of the Executive Committee; keep a roll of the members and affiliates of the Section; serve notice of all meetings, both regular and special; and perform other duties customarily associated with this office.



COUNCILOR

- **Eligibility:** Regular members
- **Duration:** 3 years*
- **Duties:** Advise and steer the Local Section according to broader Nat'l ACS goals.

ALT. COUNCILOR

Eligibility: Regular members

Duration: 3 years*

- **Duties:** Back-up position for councilor. Advise and steer the Local Section according to broader Nat'l ACS goals.



MEMBER-AT-LARGE



- **Eligibility:** Regular Members and Student Affiliates
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Expectations:** Represent our community and advance the goals of the Local Section (e.g. serving on committees, attending monthly ExComm meetings, volunteering for Local Section events).

ACS Annual Picnic 2025



ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
Lawn games competition
"Games Without Borders"



ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
San Dieguito Park
Picnic Area #3



ACS Annual Picnic 2025

ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
Dessert competition



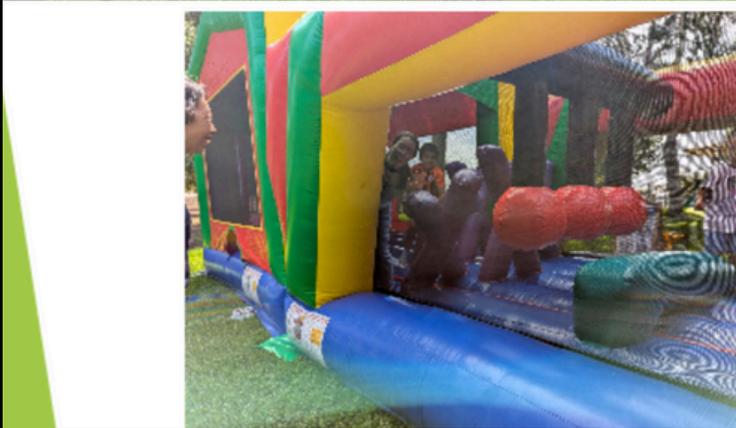
ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
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Food and catering



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ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
Bounce house entertainment



ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
Face Painting & Entertainment



ACS Annual Picnic 2025

"Thank you" to Marta Vuckovic
for the amazing slides



ACS San Diego Annual Picnic
September 20, 2025
San Dieguito Park
Picnic Area #3



Distinguished Scientist

2025

Dr. John Hood









Thank you
Jim Shih
for the photos

Introductory Remarks from the Women in Chemistry Trailblazers Luncheon

– Jackie Trischman, San Diego ACS Co-chair and Councilor

It is a joy to see this room filled with scientists, scholars, students, mentors, and friends. Today we celebrate women who are redefining what's possible in chemistry—both at the bench and far beyond it.

Our honorees were selected for outstanding work in their fields: as researchers pushing the frontiers of knowledge, and as leaders who empower women to reach for their career goals—especially in spaces that have been, and too often still are, male-dominated. Their achievements remind us that brilliance is everywhere when opportunity is available—and that progress doesn't happen by accident. It happens because people choose to lift as they climb, to question the status quo, and to open doors that once seemed sealed shut.

Before we spotlight our trailblazers, I want to recognize the driving force behind today's gathering: the Women Chemists Committee of San Diego, including Jiyue Chen, Marta Vuckovic, Christina Vialva, Grace Tao, and Myra Gupta. The WCC conceived, launched, and championed this event, and they did it with purpose and heart. To the WCC leaders, volunteers, nominators, reviewers, and partners—thank you. Your commitment transforms this community from a network into a support system. Let's give them a round of applause.

This celebration also stands on the strong foundation of the American Chemical Society—here in San Diego and across the nation. Locally, ACS San Diego is a catalyst in every sense of the word (OK, maybe not really EVERY sense). In a region known for world-class biotech, materials science, energy innovation, ocean and environmental chemistry, and pharmaceutical discovery, our local section connects students with mentors; it convenes symposiums where ideas spark collaborations; it supports K–12 outreach that ignites the next generation's curiosity; and it helps researchers and professionals navigate the transitions that shape a career. If you've ever found a job lead at a section meeting, formed a new connection through a local talk, or watched a young student's eyes light up during a demo, you know the impact firsthand.

Nationally, the American Chemical Society is one of the most influential scientific societies in the world. ACS publishes field-defining journals, sets professional and ethical standards, advances safety and sustainability, and advocates for science-based policy. Through education programs, career services, and scholarships, ACS expands access to chemistry. Through policy engagement and public outreach, ACS elevates the voice of science in decisions that affect our health, our climate, and our economy. And importantly, through committees like the Women Chemists Committee, ACS keeps equity, inclusion, and belonging at the center of our profession's future—because talent should never be limited by bias, and potential should never be gated by tradition.

That brings us back to why we're here. Chemistry is not just a subject—it's a way of solving problems with real-world consequences: cleaner energy, safer water, smarter materials, better medicines. When women thrive in chemistry, our science gets stronger and our solutions get better. Diverse teams ask bolder questions, see different pathways, and design innovations that serve more people. The data back it up, but frankly, so does common sense.

Yet we also know the reality. That's why today matters. Visibility matters. Mentorship matters. Sponsorship matters. And community—rooms like this—matters. Because a single moment of recognition can ripple outward: it builds confidence, validates persistence, and signals to early-career scientists that this is a field where they can belong, lead, and leave a legacy.

To our honorees: you are proof that excellence and generosity can—and should—coexist. You pay it forward. You innovate and you advocate. You've shown that being "first" is powerful, but building a path so that you are not the last is transformational. Thank you for the discoveries you've made, the teams you've led, the students you've encouraged, and the barriers you've dismantled—sometimes quietly, sometimes loudly, always bravely.

As we move into the program, I invite you to do three things: celebrate loudly, connect intentionally, and leave with at least one concrete commitment—to mentor, to nominate, to fund, to collaborate, to speak up. If we do that, today won't just be a beautiful brunch. It will be another step toward a profession where talent is recognized, curiosity is rewarded, and women are not exceptions—they are the expectation.

On behalf of the American Chemical Society—nationally and here in San Diego—and with deep gratitude to the Women Chemists Committee of San Diego for launching this event: thank you for being here, thank you for what you've done to make this possible, and thank you for what you'll do next.

Congratulations to our Trailblazer honorees. Let's begin the program.

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October 15, 2025

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**Executive Committee Meeting
Dates 2025**

November 6th,
December 4th.

[Zoom Meeting](#)

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Food science talk

Speaker: Dr. Changqi Liu

On November 20, 2025

Time: 7pm

We will host the first of a 2-part food science series with a talk on food and protein chemistry.

We will offer this as a joint ACS SoCal chapters meeting via Zoom. Dr. Liu discuss alternative protein sources in the human diet. More details coming in the November newsletter.

**San Diego Section, American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Hybrid Meeting**

August 7, 2025 6:00 pm dinner at WuXi AppTec

6:30 pm start of business meeting in-person and on Zoom

Attendees: Hui Cai (Councilor), Surya De (Councilor), Surya De (Councilor), Vanessa De Ley Cox (Prof Dev), Desiree Grubisha (Treasurer/Councilor), Valerie Kuck (Councilor), Max Mahler (Co-chair), Sharai Mendez, John Palmer, Jim Shih (Alt Councilor), Randall Smith (MAL), Ryan Smith (Alt Councilor), Jackie Trischman (Co-chair/Sec/Councilor), Marta Vuckovic (rep WCC), David Wallace (Councilor)

Absent:

Juan Gonzalez (Alt Councilor, sent affirmative vote on minutes), Jessica Le (MAL), Ben Pratt (Alt Councilor), Bill Szabo (MAL), Jiyue Chen (Chair-elect), Jesus Cordova (WRM Chair), Christina Vialva (Past Chair)

Meeting convened: 6:34 pm

I. Thank you to our hosts!

Thank you to Hui Cai, Fangwei Gu, and Shoana Sikorski for arranging for us to meet at WuXi tonight. And thank you to Jim Shih for bringing the food.

II. Changes/Approval of July Minutes

Motion #1: Approve July 2025 Minutes — Moved/Seconded/Passed (unanimous)

III. Treasurer Report

Went through major activities for the past month, including those below that were outside of routine monthly expenses and revenues.

- MedChem: Line 9 revenues: \$18,000 = total sponsors, though \$2K may be duplicate
Expenses: Speaker dinner \$900, UCSD \$10,272
- Picnic Food Deposit hit the account.

IV. Recap on Past Meetings

MedChem Symposium was held on Friday, July 11.

David: 270 signed in and some who did not sign in as well. Room of 300 was standing room only. This was great attendance! Speakers were excellent. New sponsor approached David and said they want to be there next year.

Thank you to the committee. They were professional and diligent. They were able to draw strong speakers and good sponsorship. Mark Tichenor – chair – does a fantastic job.

Good exec representation. Booth was very busy. Catering was good as well. Had quite a few sign-ups for WRM and ChemExpo. Seth Cohen committed to supporting WRM.

V. 50+-year Membership Celebration

Will take place at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Aug. 23 at 11:30am. Jiyue or Jim will coordinate to ensure one can take pics. Jackie will send personal emails to all awardees. Awardee plus one guest attend free of charge. Exec members free as well. Max will talk to Carolina about getting a code.

VI. Picnic

Saturday organization meeting. Deposit sent. Food and face-painter/activity for kids person reserved. Send info to Jim to get vendors registered with the county. No amplified music. Lawn games. We have Area 3 reserved this year on Saturday, September 20. We will have no outlets, so it would be good to have a bullhorn.

VII. Future Meetings

- A. **Future Talks:** WD-40 or Blue Nalu or Taylor Guitars in October. We have reached out to all three and they are checking with potential speakers.
- B. **Professional Development** – Speakers confirmed. Arranging actual schedule. Could Hologic host? Randy Smith will check. Will do one every 3-4 weeks. Discount was secured for the notebooks. Topics include: Project Management, Small vs Large/Gov vs Ind vs Academia, Medical Writing, Conflict Resolution (will be in November). Will charge \$10 for last one as the cost is \$26 per person. Doors open at 5:30pm, meetings 6-7pm in each case.
- C. **Joint Meeting with Western Region** (Moved in minutes from end of the meeting) - Max has an ACS mentor is in OC. Can we do joint meeting? Looking at November. In-person would be difficult. But virtual would work well. Ideas: Natural food coloring alternatives – Marta – will help investigate.

Ask Carolina to add WR reps/chairs to Constant Contact list. Ask David to bring it up at the caucus. Jackie willing to give the 2-minute idea. Ask each local section to come up with one speaker. This was viewed as good idea to streamline our efforts to host monthly meetings.

- D. Maybe a science advocacy seminar in early 2026?

VIII. WCC Events

Dates for Trailblazer Women's Awards. Discussion = holiday dinner combination? Up to 10 awardees. Thoughts are that we could fit this in fine. Could give 30" to awards program, then 30-40" for wrap-up and year ahead. Others = October brunch or January event. Offered ideas to honor them. Jackie will follow up with Marta and Jiyue and WCC on venue idea and when they are planning.

IX. Distinguished Scientist Awards Banquet

Dr. John Hood will receive award. This year is industrial year. Tuesday, Sept 23 will be held at The Butcher Shop. Jim confirmed. David will get bio and headshot to start advertising.

Holiday Party = first Tuesday in December. Jim confirmed Dec 2 with The Butcher Shop.

X. YCC

We had discussion about growing our YCC. A Mole Day event was discussed after seeing it with another local section and student chapter. They hid hundreds of moles around campus with a QR code and a chemistry trivia question. They went to the QR code and answered the question to be entered into a drawing that took place at 6:23pm on Oct. 23. Sounded like fun, though it is a busy time.

XI. WRM 2026

Sharai is secretary. Next steps discussed at meeting on July 17. Next one Aug 21. Jackie noted she is not receiving any info about this meeting.

Recurring meeting schedule needed. Want in-person at some point soon.
How much do we need from National?

Need more surveys/forms and attendance. Jesus asked Sharai to attend next meeting to discuss what is needed from national. MOU needs to be set. Suggested Jesus reach out to Ryan for legal language as needed. It is important that Jesus and others attend this year's meeting.

It would be good for Jesus and the local section to send an email lists to Sharai for communications, so she can handle that.

Maybe David and Randy will meet Jesus for lunch. Tie to tour of Hologic? Sharai may be able to join as well.

Sharai will be at PacifiChem. Can talk to David Cunningham. John Palmer may be there as well. Maybe Kang Du from CSUSM, John, and Sharai can help David focus on helping in some concrete way. He had originally volunteered to be co-chair and has not done anything yet.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Sept 4, 2025, would like to repeat hybrid format.

**San Diego Section, American Chemical Society
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6:30 pm start of business meeting in-person and on Zoom

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Meeting convened: 6:42 pm

- I. Recap of 50-year/60-year member luncheon
- II. Upcoming meetings and events
 - A. Picnic
 - a. The vendor has received the deposit, and insurance approval for all vendors has been secured.
 - b. Max will handle procuring the prizes.
 - c. There will be enough volunteers; currently, there are 42 registrations as of September 4th.
 - B. Distinguished Scientist Awards Banquet
 - a. Will be held on September 23rd.
 - b. Chair will also award the Committee Chair of the Year and Tony Bottone Volunteer of the Year Award for the local section.
 - c. Will need the name soon so Jim can start engraving.
 - d. Carolina: need to advertise asap, need the picture and title for the newsletter.
 - e. Will get the information out early next week.
 - f. Executive member can have ticket, Max will set up with Carolina for the Eventbrite to offer free tickets.
 - C. Professional development workshop
 - a. Location: Mira mesa library (potentially)
 - b. First one in 3rd week of Sept – Sept 25?
 - c. October 7th have another one, north university library, Nobel Park. Potential events happening end of October and November.
 - d. Currently gathering information on locations and speakers.
 - D. Trailblazer award update
 - a. October 4th at Encore Event Center
 - b. Hui suggested combination of distinguished scientist award and Trailblazer award.
 - E. Chris Wellons (VP of manufacturing) at Taylor Guitars will give the October

- talk on the drying and curing process in guitars.
- III. Western regional Meetings
 - A. Jesus provided a progress update at the EC meeting.
 - B. Motion to allocate \$1000 for each of six people to attend this year's Oct 23-25 Western Regional meeting. Desiree brought up by ACS guideline and IRS to be non-profit, we need more details of business purpose. Jesus will work on revising the motion.
 - C. MOU finalized. MMA in progress.
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. ChemExpo
 - A. Revisit ChemExpo next meeting
- VI. Upcoming talks
 - A. Food Science Talk
 - B. Blue Nalu, maybe incorporating a talk about AI as well.

Meeting adjourned: 8:14pm

Next meeting: October 2nd will be a virtual meeting

Thank you to Jiyue Chen for taking the minutes for this meeting.



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Does your non-profit organization have an upcoming event that might be of interest to members of the ACS – San Diego Section? If so, please send your announcement to our current Co-Chair, Max Mahler mmahler@sandiegoacs.org. Once approved, Max will see that your announcement is published on our website (www.sandiegoacs.org) and, if received by the 20th of the month before the event, in The San Diego Chemist newsletter. This is a free service of the ACS – San Diego Section. Take advantage of it!

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