



ACerS is pleased to announce the 2021 slate for the President-elect and Board of Directors positions as proposed by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

ACerS Rules provide the opportunity for additional nominees to be proposed through a petition process (refer to the Rules for specific instructions). Should any member be proposed by petition, the petition should contain the signatures of at least 100 of the ACerS voting membership and should be received at ACerS Headquarters no later than April 17, 2021, to the attention of:

Mark Mecklenborg, Executive Director
The American Ceramic Society
550 Polaris Parkway, Suite 510
Westerville, OH 43082 USA

Should a petition be received, an election will be held from June 17 through July 16, 2021. Otherwise, the Bylaws instruct that the Executive Director shall certify the candidates as proposed by the Nominating Committee. Installation of the elected Officers and Directors shall take place during the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, on October 18, 2021.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - To serve a one-year term from October 21, 2021 to October 13, 2022:

Professor Sanjay Mathur
Professor and Director
Institute of Inorganic & Materials Chemistry
University of Cologne
Cologne, GERMANY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Three nominees to serve three-year terms from October 21, 2021 to October 2024:

Dr. Kristin Breder
Senior Principal Scientist
Saint-Gobain Research North America
Northboro, MA USA

Professor Olivia Graeve
Professor
University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, CA USA

Dr. Shibin Jiang
President and CEO
AdValue Photonics Inc
Tucson, AZ USA

The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) values and seeks diverse and inclusive participation within the field of ceramic science and engineering. ACerS strives to promote involvement and access to leadership opportunity regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, appearance, geographic location, career path or academic level.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a Nominating Committee for the purpose of proposing candidates for the Board of Directors, the offices of President (when necessary), President-Elect, and Treasurer, when necessary. The President-Elect shall not be eligible to serve on this Committee.
2. The Secretary shall forward the report of the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors. Approval by majority vote shall be required for the acceptance of the slate of nominees.
3. The election of President (when necessary), President-Elect and Directors of the SOCIETY as are to be elected shall be held annually in the manner provided in the By-Laws. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a two-year term.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE BVI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

To ensure that ACerS leadership reflects the diverse communities that we serve, ACerS will strive to achieve diversity on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee through;

- (i) gender equity,*
- (ii) representation of persons with disabilities, LGBTQ, underrepresented US minorities, and/or indigenous peoples,*
- (iii) representation of individuals domiciled both in the US and abroad, and*
- (iv) representation of both the academic and non-academic work sectors.*

1. *The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the Immediate Past President of the SOCIETY, as a voting chair, and nine members elected for three-year terms (staggered terms with three elected each year). The nine members shall include at least three with Board of Directors experience and at least three with no Board of Directors experience. In the event that a Nominating Committee member refuses or is unable to serve, the Board shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. Nominating Committee members shall not have successive full terms. Nominating Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for positions of Director or Officer. Should a Nominating Committee member wish to be considered for such office, that member must resign from the Nominating Committee and the Board shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term.*
2. *The Nominating Committee shall select the following candidates for approval by the Board of Directors:*
 - a. Candidates for President (when needed)*
 - b. Candidates for President-Elect*
 - c. Candidates for Treasurer (when needed)*
 - d. A slate of three candidates for Director to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. When developing the slate of candidates for Board of Directors positions, the Nominating Committee shall attempt to structure Board of Directors' composition to be representative of SOCIETY diverse interests.*
 - e. Candidates for future members of the Nominating Committee*
 - f. Candidates for principal activity committee members and principal activity committee chairs.*
3. *The Board of Directors shall annually present a slate of candidates to the membership. This slate shall include a nominee for the office of President (if necessary), a nominee for the office of President-Elect, and three nominees for the Directors to be elected.*

4. *The names of the nominees, together with this By-Law, shall be published in the Internet publications of The American Ceramic Society at least eight months prior to the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Fifty voting members, who collectively represent at least half of the Divisions, may, by signed petition, nominate additional candidates for one or more of the membership-elected positions, provided: the signed petition(s), together with written assurance of assent of the candidate or candidates, a photograph and biographical information, reaches the Executive Director on or before six months prior to the forthcoming Annual Meeting. The petition(s) may be in multiple copies, and the Executive Director shall certify that the qualifications are met, if such be the case. The names, photographs and biographical information of each candidate shall then be published in an issue of The American Ceramic Society Bulletin and on the SOCIETY Internet publication at least five months prior to the forthcoming Annual Meeting.*
5. *The President shall transmit to the Nominating Committee the names of all suggested candidates the President may receive from the membership.*
6. *The method of electing the President (when necessary), President-Elect, Directors, Division and Class Officers shall be as follows:*
 - a. *Only when candidates are provided as described in paragraph 4 above, the Executive Director shall prepare ballots as prescribed in the Procedures and distribute one to each member entitled to vote at least four months prior to a forthcoming SOCIETY Annual Meeting. If no additional candidates are received, an election is considered uncontested and a ballot is not needed. For SOCIETY offices, the ballot shall identify those nominees nominated by the Board of Directors and those nominated by petition.*
 - b. *If a ballot is submitted, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.*
 - c. *If a ballot is required by virtue of there being nominees by petition or contested positions by nomination, the Executive Director shall prepare and distribute to each Member entitled to vote, ballots for the election of President (when required), President-Elect, Directors of the SOCIETY, and the Officers of the Classes and Divisions. If a ballot is needed, it shall contain any additional nominees received from the membership. The ballots shall be clearly prepared and contain full instructions to voters. For each office, the beginning and ending dates of the term of office shall be listed. The Executive Director shall be responsible for assuring that the ballot differentiates between nominees from the Board of Directors and nominees from the membership. Special designation of nominees for Division Officers shall also be made when required by their respective procedures. The instructions shall contain the closing date of the polls. For Division and Class Officers, members shall vote only for the Officers of the Divisions and Classes with which they are affiliated. Only those ballots properly completed and received within 30 days of distribution shall be valid.*
 - d. *In cases where a ballot is taken, all ballots shall be returned to the Executive Director.*
 - e. *The Executive Director or designate shall count those ballots properly completed, and promptly report to the President the total vote for each candidate. The President shall promptly notify the successfully elected candidate for membership-elected Officers and Directors. The President shall also notify the President of each Class and Chair of each Division the candidates elected as Officers of the respective Classes and Divisions.*