



AGENDA
Annual Society Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 / 2:00 PM EDT
Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89688429163>

- A. Welcome– Christina Bock, Past President**

- B. Results of Society Elections and Introduction of Incoming Officers – James Fenton, Past Secretary**

- C. Presentation and Approval of 2019 ASBM Minutes – Marca Doeff, Secretary**

- D. Report of the Secretary – Marca Doeff, Secretary**
 - 1. Meetings
 - 2. Membership
 - 3. Publications

- E. ECS 2019 Finance Report – Gessie Brisard, Treasurer**
 - 1. Revenue
 - 2. Expenses
 - 3. Net Assets

- F. Impact of COVID-19 on ECS Operations and Outlook – Chris Jannuzzi, Executive Director & CEO**

- G. A Look Ahead – Stefan De Gendt, President**

- H. Questions and Answers – All**



Minutes of the 2019 ECS Annual Society Business Meeting

The 2019 ECS Annual Society Business Meeting convened promptly at noon local time on May 28, 2018, in Dallas, Texas.

President's Welcome

The meeting began with a welcome from President Yue Kuo who mentioned that the purpose of the Annual Society Business Meeting (ASBM) is to review the Society's achievements in 2018, and discuss any new business of relevance to the Society and/or its members. President Kuo also took the time to recognize and thank all past presidents of the Society in attendance for their service and dedication.

Quorum and Minutes from Previous Meeting

ECS Secretary Jim Fenton counted and confirmed that more than 50 members were in attendance and therefore quorum had been established.

He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous ASBM, which was held in Seattle, WA, on May 15, 2018. The motion was **Moved, Seconded, and Passed.**

Report of the President

President Kuo provided an update on *Free the Science*. He reported that since it launched, over a third of the research published in ECS's journals has been published as open access. Most importantly, of those authors choosing open access, the vast majority—over 90 percent—have done so at no additional cost to them or their institutions. This is all thanks to ECS's commitment to *Free the Science* through which the Society has paid over \$2.1 million in open access publishing costs on behalf of authors.

One of the major responsibilities of the ECS president is to serve as a global ambassador to the ECS community. This became a major focus of President Kuo's tenure, as evidenced by his extensive travels through Asia and Russia to introduce these communities to the Society's great work and long standing history. Because of these efforts, ECS saw unprecedented growth in 2018, with the founding of student chapters in Europe, Asia, Africa, as well as North and South America.

Report of the Secretary

Secretary Fenton provided an update on ECS's major program areas for the previous 12 months.

Regarding ECS's meetings program, Secretary Fenton reported that ECS welcomed more than 4,500 meeting attendees to two biannual meetings in 2018. Among the 99 symposia, the Society received 4,831 abstracts from almost 100 countries. The symposia funding program (that supports invited speakers to attend ECS meetings) awarded almost \$157,000 in speaker support; and, the biannual meeting travel grant program (which supports students and early career researchers) awarded over \$75,000. These programs, along with the continued engagement of our volunteer leaders and corporate partners, helped drive the success of our biannual meeting program.

Reporting next on membership, Fenton stated that ECS facilitated a successful membership drive which contributed to a 4 percent increase in members, reaching a total membership of 8,273; a third of whom are students and early career researchers. He reflected on the fact that the increased engagement of students in ECS



can be attributed to the growth of student chapters. Over the last year, we added 10 new chapters, bringing the total to 81. He also reported that the Society awarded more than \$16,000 in student chapter memberships for those actively involved in the chapter program. Other awards provided were:

- Two ECS Toyota Young Investigator Fellowships, totaling \$100,000;
- Amazon Catalyst at ECS awarded \$87,600 to four projects;
- Five ECS Summer Fellowships, totaling \$25,000;
- And divisions awarded over \$75,000 in biannual meeting travel grants.

Next, Secretary Fenton reported on ECS publications activities, noting that the success of ECS publications is the result of dynamic, concentrated efforts in content procurement, dissemination, and enhancement. In 2018, these efforts elevated ECS publications to new heights:

- 2018 saw a 13.9 percent increase in journal submissions over 2017;
- Over 42 percent of journal articles published in 2018 were open access;
- Content access remains high as 3.1 million articles and abstracts were downloaded in 2018;
- ECS subscriptions surpassed 1,900 institutional subscribers; over 1,000 of these institutions subscribed to ECS Plus, ECS's read and publish package. The ECS Plus program advances the *Free the Science* initiative by enabling affiliated authors to publish open access in ECS journals at no additional cost.

In closing, Secretary Fenton stated that disseminating research to advance electrochemical and solid state science is at the heart of ECS's existence. The Society's accomplishments and growth in 2018 are due, in part, to the strength of our programs and services that carry prestige, credibility, and relevance to a global community.

Report of the Treasurer

ECS Treasurer Gessie Brisard delivered the next presentation. Treasurer Brisard provided high-level financial statistics for ECS in 2018. She reported that the Society's net assets for the year ending December 31, 2018, decreased by \$1.2 million. This decrease was the result of significant fourth quarter losses in market value of investments, though she noted that those losses largely recovered during the first half of 2019.

2019 Election Results

The final presentation was again by Secretary Fenton who reported that the Society's elections were held earlier in the year for the offices of President and 3rd Vice President for the ECS Board of Directors.

The 2019-2020 President is Christina Bock from the National Research Council of Canada, and the new 3rd Vice President is Turgut Gur of Stanford University.

Secretary Fenton then asked the incoming President and 3rd Vice President to stand to be recognized, which they did to great applause and appreciation.

The ASBM then concluded with a talk entitled "Perspectives on the State of Science and Technology: Innovation and the Workforce of the Future" presented by Dr. Carol A. Bessel, Acting Division Director of the National Science Foundation Division of Chemistry.

Upon the conclusion of Dr. Bessel's talk, President Kuo asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was **Moved, Seconded, and Passed.**