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Board of Directors: Since the founding of The American Ceramic Society in 1898, the Board of Directors has represented ACerS membership as the highest level of leadership in the Society. Elected by the membership from among its members, the Board decides on Society policy, budget, appointments to leadership and representative positions, conferring of awards, and other important matters. Ultimately the Board of Directors is responsible for setting the Society's strategic direction.

Board Members are elected to three-year terms. Nine voting directors serve at-large. Their terms are staggered so that a third of the at-large seats become vacant every year. The President is elected to a term of one year as a voting member. The President also serves one year in advance of their term as the President-Elect, and one year following as the immediate

Past President. The Society's Treasurer is appointed for a two-year term. The Executive Director of ACerS serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.

Member Services Committee: This committee consists of at least four members appointed for a one-year term, with an automatic reappointment for up to three years. **Staff Liaison** is Kevin Thompson, Director of Membership, Ph. 614-794-5894; email: kthompson@ceramics.org.

The duties of the committee are:

1. Advise the Board and make recommendations on all matters pertaining to membership services.
2. Ensure that all member groups (i.e. Young Professionals, Senior, Regular, etc.) are served by the Society. This can be accomplished through the use of surveys, focus groups, meetings, and other activities.
3. Coordinate and review membership promotion activities.
4. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director on matters such as nonpayment of dues, electronic membership, dues for unemployed members, and other topics.
5. Work with the Division and Class Membership Committees to promote active membership in the Society and its Division and Class activities.
6. Act in an advisory capacity to the Board on matters pertaining to the Sections.
7. Hold at least one meeting each year at the Annual Meeting of the Society and hold additional meetings as needed.

Bulletin Editorial Advisory Board: This committee consists of at least six members who are appointed for a one-year term. **Staff Liaison** is Eileen De Guire, Director of Communications and Marketing, Ph. 614-794-5828; email: edeguire@ceramics.org.

The Bulletin Editorial Advisory Board provides guidance and counsel to the Executive Director and Bulletin Editor so that the Bulletin reports the most relevant, accurate and vital information on ceramics and glass. Examples of the type of counsel and assistance include:

1. Advice on current scientific, engineering and business issues and advances.
2. Advice on public policy affecting the field.
3. Recommendations of editorial themes and content for the annual editorial calendar.
4. Suggestions for topics, story ideas, contributors and other material.
5. Review comments on specific articles.
6. Critique of published issues and content.
7. Recommendations for future appointees to the committee. .
8. The Bulletin Editorial Advisory Board reports administratively to the Executive Director (or designee). The Committee meets at least once a year in person, and quarterly by phone. Committee members work directly with the Bulletin Editor to provide advice and assistance on issue content, including deadlines for meeting publication schedules. The Bulletin Editor attends Bulletin Editorial Advisory Board meetings and serves as meeting recorder.

Meetings Committee: This committee consists of seven members appointed for three-year terms. **Staff Liaison** is Mark Mecklenborg, Director of Membership, Meetings and Technical Publications, Ph. 614-794-5829; email: mmecklenborg@ceramics.org.

The Committee on Meetings is responsible for planning, developing and organizing meetings that serve member needs and attract participation by both ACerS members and non-members.

The Committee has two main functions:

- 1) Initiating and planning future meetings topics; recruiting champions; seeking participation of industry groups, other technical societies, and/or governmental agencies.
- 2) Organizing Annual meetings, developing structure for sessions and symposium; developing meeting formats, coordinating activities of both Division Program Chairs and Symposium Organizers, coordinating calls for papers, gathering supporting information for use in marketing the technical program, and ensuring that deadlines are met.

The primary functions of the Committee are carried out by two Sub-Committees made up of the members of the Committee.

These two sub-committees are 1) Technology and Manufacturing and 2) Technical Programming.

The Sub-Committee on **Technology and Manufacturing** is responsible for the identification, development, and conduct of meetings and programming to serve the needs of the industrial sector. Their objective is to identify needs of this industrial community and then to develop meetings and workshops designed to meet these needs. They also have responsibilities in the area of short courses and are expected to work with the Society Education Committee.

The Sub-Committee on **Technical Programming** is responsible for coordinating and organizing strong technical programs for the Society. At the end of each Annual Meeting, the Chair of this Sub-Committee is responsible for developing a 'lessons-learned' communiqué to the Meetings Committee chair providing feedback on Annual Meeting programming efforts with an emphasis on identifying improvement opportunities.

Publications Committee: This committee consists of at least four members appointed for a four-year term. **Staff Liaison** is Mark Mecklenborg, Director of Membership, Meetings and Technical Publications, Ph. 614-794-5829; email: mmecklenborg@ceramics.org.

The duties of the committee are:

1. Recommend to the Board of Directors the format, content, and policies for ACerS publications.
2. Recommend subscription rates, prices, and an annual budget for Society publications.
3. Be responsible, through the Publisher, for the technical acceptance of the printed content of publications. For the *Journal of The American Ceramic Society* this involves working with the Journal Editors.
4. Submit a semi-annual report covering the activities and recommendations of the Committee.
5. Maintain written procedures regarding organization, scope, pricing, review, and other matters relating to Society publications.
6. Advise Society staff about the development of electronic publishing within the Society.
7. Act in an advisory capacity on matters relating to the advertising direction.
8. Serve as an editorial advisory group to the staff Publications Department, recommending special editorial topics or special issues with a manufacturing focus.

- 9 Function as good will ambassadors with selected advertising accounts to encourage participation in Society advertising.
10. Advise the Publications Staff on the appropriateness of advertising copy for Society publications as needed.

Book Publishing Sub-committee: This committee reports to the Committee on Publications and consists of at least three members appointed for a three-year term. **Staff Liaison** is Greg Geiger, Technical Content Manager, Ph. 614-794-5858; email: ggeiger@ceramics.org.

The purpose of the Book Publishing Sub-committee is to work with the Society commercial book publishing partner (Wiley) to build a jointly owned series of books covering ceramics and glass science and technology.

The responsibilities of the Book Publishing Sub-Committee are:

1. Ensure quality and define, establish and maintain editorial direction.
2. Identify topics for specific series.
3. Identify members with rich expertise in ceramics or glass with corresponding viable book and database projects.
4. Evaluate and identify market opportunities and needs.
5. Participate in an annual meeting, hosted by Wiley, for strategic planning and analysis of sales activities.
6. Evaluate previous years' sales and identify trends.

Society Awards Committees

ACerS has an active awards program and relies on member volunteers to sit on the various sub-committees and help select each year's winners according to the established policies. If you are interested in sitting on one of the award committees contact **Staff Liaison** Erica Zimmerman, Member Engagement Manager, Ph. 614-794-5821; email: ezimmerman@ceramics.org.

Distinguished Life Members

Panel of Fellows

Edward Orton Jr. Memorial Lecture

Ross Coffin Purdy Award

John Jeppson Award

Karl Schwartzwalder - Professional Achievement in Ceramic Engineering Award

Robert L. Coble Award for Young Scholars

Frontiers of Science and Society Rustum Roy Lecture

W. David Kingery Award

Richard M. Fulrath Awards

Spriggs Phase Equilibria Award

Corporate Environmental Achievement Award

Corporate Technical Achievement Award

Darshana and Arun Varshneya Frontiers of Glass Lectures

Du-Co Ceramics Young Professional Award

Medal for Leadership in the Advancement of Ceramic Technology

Geijsbeek PACRIM International Award

Global Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award