



**2014/2015 Division & Class Report  
to the  
ACerS Board of Directors**

Division/Class: Refractory Ceramics Division

**Current Division/Class Officers:**

Chair: Ben Markel  
Vice-chair: Josh Pelletier  
Secretary: Matthew Lambert  
Counselor: Lou Trostel

**Incoming Division Officers:**

**Note:** RCD changes officers each March, so the people below will take office in **March 2016**.

Chair: Josh Pelletier  
Vice-chair: Matthew Lambert  
Secretary: Simon Leiderman  
Counselor: Lou Trostel

**Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2014 through Oct. 2015):**

Spring meeting March 2015 with St. Louis Section  
May 2015 Conference Call  
Division Leaders Conference Call, July 2015  
August 2015 Conference Call  
ACerS Board Meeting and ACerS Division Leaders Meeting, MS&T, October 2015

Use of Supplemental ACerS Funding (\$2500) to support student travel to UNITECR 2015

- Currently contacting faculty at several different universities to determine who is attending
- Promoting the grant money as available to these faculty/organizations for student travel
- Having difficulty finding any US-based faculty/students who were planning on attending
- Continuing to search for qualified candidates, including by using contact lists generated by other organizations (TRI, PSCA, Materials Advantage)

**Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2015 – October 2016):**

Spring meeting March 2016 with St. Louis Section  
Quarterly Conference Calls with Executive Committee

**New Initiatives/Opportunities:**

Continued Sponsorship of PCSA and Materials Science Kits  
Sponsorship of student travel to UNITECR 2015

Develop a Refractory Symposium for MS&T in a non-UNITECR year, in conjunction with AIST

**Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 3, 2015 meeting:** None

**Issues/Concerns:** None

**Additional Items of Note:** None

**Financial Statement:** Attached

**Submitted By:** Matthew Lambert