



**2016/2017 Division & Class Report  
to the  
ACerS Board of Directors**

Division/Class: Refractory Ceramics Division

Current Division/Class Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

Chair: **Matt Lambert**  
Chair-Elect:  
President:  
President-Elect:  
Vice-chair: **Simon Leiderman**  
Vice-President:  
Secretary: **Ashley Hampton**  
Secretary-Elect:  
Secretary/Treasurer:  
Treasurer:  
Trustee: **Louis J. Trostel, Jr.**  
Parliamentarian:  
Counselor:  
Counselor:

Incoming Division Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

**Note:** most Divisions change officers at the ACerS Annual Meeting in October (MS&T). If your Division changes officers at another time, please indicate when incoming officers will begin their terms: March 2018

Chair: **Simon Leiderman**  
Chair-Elect:  
President:  
President-Elect:  
Vice-chair: **Ashley Hampton**  
Vice-President:  
Secretary: **Steven Ashlock**  
Secretary-Elect:  
Secretary/Treasurer:  
Treasurer:  
Trustee: **Louis J. Trostel, Jr.**  
Parliamentarian:  
Counselor:  
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Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2016 through Oct. 2017):

November 2016 – St. Louis Section invitation to RCD for their annual fall meeting  
January 2017 – ACerS Division Leaders Conference Call  
March 2017 – Annual Spring Meeting/Symposium with St. Louis Section  
March 2017 – RCD Division Officers Meeting  
March 2017 – Awards presented at annual meeting – T.J. Planje St. Louis Refractories Award and Alfred W. Allen Award

April 2017 – ACerS Division Leaders Conference Call  
June 2017 – Sponsorship of M. Alexander travel/expenses to attend AFS Government Affairs Day  
August 2017 – ACerS Division Leaders Conference Call  
September 2017 – Sponsorship of students to UNITECR Conference in Chile (~15 students), using supplemental ACerS funding (\$2500). This sponsorship was in conjunction with other monies from St. Louis Section (ACerS), TRI, ASTM, and UNITECR committee.  
October 2017 – ACerS Division Leaders Meeting at MS&T 2017  
October 2017 – MS&T 2017 ASM Mini-Materials Camp – Volunteers for one booth for both days for demos. Monetary sponsorship of event (\$1000) plus the costs of the demo materials for booth.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2017 – October 2018):

Quarterly conference calls with ACerS division leaders  
November 2017 – St. Louis Section invitation to RCD for their annual fall meeting  
March 2018 – RCD Division Officers Meeting + Annual Spring Meeting with St. Louis Section  
Summer 2018 – AFS Government Affairs Day  
October 2018 – MS&T 2018 Mini-Materials Camp  
October 2018 – ACerS Division Leaders Meeting at MS&T 2018

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

- 1) Jointly organized training seminar on refractory materials at AIST May 2018 with FIRE (Federation for International Refractory Research and Education). To be spearheaded by RCD member James Hemrick.
- 2) Jointly organized symposium on the corrosion of refractory materials for MS&T 2018 with FIRE. To be spearheaded by RCD member James Hemrick.
- 3) Usage of annual budget and ACerS supplemental funding to purchase several of the PCSA Materials Science kits for RCD members to distribute in their local communities
- 4) Likely sponsorship of student travel to MS&T 2018 and/or the St Louis Section/RCD meeting in March 2018.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 7, 2017 meeting:

None

Issues/Concerns:

None

Additional Items of Note:

Financial Statement: (Including year-end summary of expenditures from the Division's Funds)  
Attached

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