

President's Council of Student Advisors

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to APPLY!

ACerS President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA) is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Class of Delegates.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE March 24, 2023!

The 2022-2023 class of delegates consists of 45 students from 28 universities, representing 8 countries.

WHAT IS PCSA?

The President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA) is the student-led organization of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) composed of ceramic and glass-focused students from around the world.

"PCSA prepared me for leadership roles not only in ACerS but my

career as well"

-Lisa Rueschhoff

Materials Research Engineer, AFRL 2014-2017: Recruitment chair, PCSA council chair



"My involvement in PCSA really sets me apart from my peers"

-Jessica Rimsza

Staff member, Sandia National Laboratory 2013-2016: Programming chair, PCSA council chair

"My role at PCSA expanded my network and got me where I am today"

—Ashley Hilmas

Research Materials Engineer, AFRL

2016-2019 Finance chair, PCSA council chair

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PCSA?

- Coordinate student-focused ceramic and glass programming.
- Develop and implement educational activities.
- Facilitate industry-student relations.
- Help actively engage students as leaders in the ceramic and glass materials community.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A PCSA DELEGATE?

- A strong interest in ceramics/glass
- Leadership qualities
- Reliability and strong drive



PCSA delegates along with Elizabeth Dickey, 2021-2022 ACerS President (center) at the 2022 PCSA Annual Business Meeting



For more information and to apply, please visit:

ceramics.org/applypcsa

PCSA

Committees & Leadership Opportunities

New and returning delegates gather in the Fall on the weekend prior to MS&T, for the PCSA annual business meeting. All delegates choose a committee to serve on and have the opportunity to take leadership roles within the PCSA.

Delegates establish new goals for the upcoming year, discuss committee plans, and reassess progress made over the previous year. Committees meet virtually throughout the year to accomplish their goals.

PCSA LEADERSHIP ROLES PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair

The PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair oversee the delegation, run the Annual Business Meeting, and serve as liaisons between PCSA and ACerS.

PCSA Committee Chair

Each PCSA committee has a Chair who is responsible for organizing committee meetings, delegating tasks to committee members, and coordinating with the other Chairs.

PCSA Divisional Delegates

PCSA Divisional Delegates attend division meetings for an ACerS division and serve as liaisons for PCSA, engaging delegates with leaders in their field.

Other leadership roles include liaisons to groups outside of PCSA and project based task force groups.



PCSA delegates collaborate at the 2022 PCSA Annual Business Meeting

PCSA COMMITTEES

Communications

- Manages social media accounts and helps advertise PCSA events
- Organizes the Day in the Life series on the PCSA social media and the Deciphering the Discipline column for the ACerS Bulletin monthly publication

Professional Development

- Creates networking opportunities
- · Hosts webinar series and conference symposiums

Education

- Implements outreach activities, expanding awareness of ceramics and glass fields
- Develops and offers educational tools to K-12 classrooms, such as the ACerS Materials Science Kits

Conference Programming and Competitions

- Organizes the Student Tour at MS&T
- Plans Shot Glass competition at ICCAC, Humanitarian Pitch competition, and various virtual competitions

Recruitment and Retention

- Expands the PCSA network of contacts
- Manages application process for new and returning delegates



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