

2018 Portland Section Election Candidate Slate



Chair-Elect: Keri Bishop

Keri Bishop, Candidate for Chair-Elect, is the hazardous waste program manager for Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, OR. She has been at her current position for 2 years, conducting chemical waste pickups, providing technical guidance to laboratories, and developing program efficiencies. Before that, she worked as an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist, focusing on Research Safety, at Portland State University. She has been a member of the American Chemical Society for 10 years. She was one of the founding four officers that helped to re-establish Portland State's Student Chapter of ACS after it had been on a 10 year hiatus. Her other interests include cooking, exploring the outdoors, and rooting on the Portland Timbers.



Chair-Elect: Michael Godsey

Michael Godsey is a protein crystallographer and enzymologist with a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Oregon Health and Science University. His areas of structural biology research have included DNA-binding proteins, enzymes (particularly kinases), structural genomics, and some experience working with membrane proteins. He's taught a dozen years of university biochemistry, and recently physics, which has fostered an expansive knowledge of biochemistry across many systems. Many summers have been spent working in various crystallography laboratories, giving a wide range of experience. Michael also is an experienced Artistic Director with a demonstrated history of working in Nonprofit Organizations.



Councilor Position 2: Marcie Merritt

Marcie Merritt has served as Councilor Position 2 since 2015. She is a member of the Chemists with Disabilities Committee and liaison to Divisional Activities Committee on Section Committees and Community Activities. Marcie is a 21-year member of the Portland Section Executive Committee where she serves as Membership Chair. Marcie works for Boeing Portland Liaison Engineering: Design for Manufacturing Engineering in chemical, materials research, metallurgic and engineering processes where she is Project Manager. She participates in Boeing's Volunteer Match program, which donates to the Portland Section on her behalf.



Alternate Councilor Position 2: Aida Melendez

Aida Melendez has served as Alternate Councilor Position 2 since 2016. She is the Portland Section Diversity Chair, which serves as liaison in helping promote diversity within the Chemistry Sciences. Aida is a member of the Oregon Science Startup Forum steering committee and member of Women Chemist Committee, and also is a member of ACS Committee on Technician Affairs at the National level. Aida is a talented and skilled Chemist offering experience and expertise within the Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industries, including specialized skills in Quality Control and Quality Assurance. Aida received her bachelor degree in Chemistry from University of Puerto Rico.