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The Portland Local Section candidate slate for 2022 includes Troy Wahl and Arthur Glasfeld for Chair-elect and Hannah Hefely for Secretary. Biographical information is included in this newsletter after each candidate's photo.

Should you want to self-nominate for any of the offices, please contact Jim Tung, jimtung@gmail.com.



Candidate for Chair-Elect Troy Wahl

When I started working in chemistry 35 years ago science was highly respected, chemistry jobs were plentiful, research was well funded, and the world of chemistry was mostly white and male. Unfortunately, the only thing

still true is that chemistry is mostly white and male. As times change, so too do the problems we face and the solutions we must find.

The ACS has a congressional mandate to promote science, advise and lobby all levels of government on scientific matters. COVID has shown that we've done poorly. To fix this we need to fully engage our members; do a lot of public outreach; and to present a cohesive voting block to our local and state governments.

Diversity and inclusion are about more than the color of one's skin or gender. Sadly, our current system seems more geared to gate keep than it does to help all individuals achieve their scientific goals. That needs to change.

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Candidate for Chair-Elect Arthur Glasfeld

Dear Portland Section Members:

I've been an involved member of the local section, most recently as program chair for NORM 2019. As your chair-elect, I would support the many excellent section activities that assist chemists

and future chemists in the transitional periods of their careers - be it in moving from high school to college to grad school, or from school to careers, or from one career to another. It's also extremely important to me to help promote a diverse community of chemists in these transitions.

I've been a chemistry professor at Reed College Portland OR since Fall 1989, with a research focus on protein structure and x-ray crystallography. Before that, I was an undergraduate at Carleton College and did my graduate work at Harvard before a postdoctoral fellowship at MIT.

If elected, I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

Best wishes,

Arthur Glasfeld

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Candidate for Secretary Hannah Hefely

Hannah Hefely works as a Method Development Chemist at Church & Dwight in Vancouver, WA developing new methods for gummy vitamin testing, improving existing methods, and qualifying raw materials.

Before her promotion to Method Development, she was a Chemist analyzing gummy vitamin content via LC-MS and HPLC. Prior to working for Church & Dwight, she was an Analytical Chemist at Synergistic Pesticide Laboratory testing crops, soil, and water for pesticide residues via LC- and GC-MS.

A Washington state native, Hannah got her B.S. in Forensic Chemistry from Eastern Washington University, with minors in Physics and Psychology. She has served the Portland Section of the American Chemical Society as the past Chair of the Women Chemist Committee as well as being an active member of the Younger Chemist Committee. She also helped organize the catering for Special Events for NORM 2019 in Portland, OR.

Hannah is interested in analytical instrumentation, getting high school and college age students excited about the chemistry field, and crime documentaries.

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It is going to take some uncomfortable discussions to address these issues, but avoiding them will not make those issues go away.

I believe in leading by example... I've had a hard life and think it is a good example of what the lack of inclusion cause. Since there are few organic and medicinal chemist jobs in Oregon, I'm unemployed. I have ADHD, dyslexia, a speech impediment, likely autism and PTSD. In 1990 I survived rape, and have been explicitly threatened with it several times since. Discrim-

ination, harassment, and academic bullying have been constants in my life. My first of many experiences hate crimes happened in pre-school when a boy picked-up a baseball and struck me because I "spoke funny." I heard my second grade principal tell my mom "forget about Troy going to college, he will be lucky to graduate high school." In 1998 a Chair of Education at San Jose State told me "if you use [ADA] accommodations in my class, I will blacklist you." In 2016 and before a witness, a USC professor told me that "you are too old to do a post-doc." Add in several abusive jobs off-set by a few great ones. No one is perfect, so when mistakes are made, and I've made plenty, I encourage people to acknowledge and learn from them, make amends, but discourage punishment which is often counter productive. Instead of giving up, I persist, and work on improving things for everyone. I taught high school from 1997-2000, and worked in the pharmaceutical industry from 2000 until I went to graduate school in 2009, which I finished in 2013 with my PhD. In 2012, I began the effort to unionize the graduate students at PSU. In 2014, I founded the Oregon City Applied Research Incubator, a non-profit to support scientific start-ups in Oregon. With Jim Tung, I co-founded the Oregon Science Start-up Forum, an ACS event to educate scientists about science entrepreneurship. I'm working with the chair of the ACS Prof CWD SubDivision to solicit papers for the Prof CWD Symposium at the Spring 2022 ACS Nation Meeting. Finally, I lobby for disability rights and for the advancement of science at the state and national levels.

No one can fix the problems of few jobs, poor funding, discrimination, and harassment on their own. So I ask for your support, advice, and help. Please vote for me as Chair-Elect of the Portland Section of the ACS so we may work on improving the world of chemistry for everyone.