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Younger Chemists Committee Fall Poster Session

**Friday, September 25, 2026
University of Pennsylvania**

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**October 17, 2026
Science After Hours @ The Franklin Institute
Ticket information will be released soon.**

**See details in the October issue of *the Catalyst*
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Comments From the Chair



Dear Fellow Members,

As the fall semester gets underway at colleges and universities across the region, I want to wish all our academic members an excellent start to the year. Fall always brings renewed energy to the Section, and I'm looking forward to everything we have planned in the months ahead.

Before we look forward, though, I want to take a moment to look back on a wonderful summer highlight: our 50-, 60- and 70-Year Member Luncheon, held this year at the Science History Institute. It was a joy to gather and celebrate the remarkable career milestones of our long-standing members, whose decades of contribution to the chemical sciences and to this Section continue to inspire those of us to follow in their footsteps.

The event was capped off by a fascinating talk from Jesse Smith, Vice President of Interpretation and Education at the Science History Institute, who took us through the Institute's exhibit *Flash! Bang! Boom! A History of Fireworks*. It was a fitting and fun way to close out the celebration, blending chemistry, history, and a bit of spectacle.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible, and to our honorees for their continued membership and support of ACS.

September 10: In-Person Board Meeting @ Arcadia University, Open to all!

Time: 6–8 PM.

September 17: Joint Event with the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) @ Conshohocken Brewing Company KOP

Link to tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/philadelphiastle/2381490>

Time: 5–8 PM.

September 25: Younger Chemists Committee Fall Poster

Session @ Upenn

Abstract submissions are available now which can be submitted

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOAKc6u2T9IWoaAaCMv6nvPIyDn4b2mKeTLpUjjOSff2JHEwQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Time: 3–6 PM.

October 3: Undergrad Student Tour @ The Science History Museum

Please email Prof. Michael Castaldi at castaldimj@gmail.com.

Time 11:00 AM –2:00 PM.

October 17: Science After Hours @ The Franklin Institute

Ticket information will be released soon.

Time: TBD More details on each of these will be shared via email and posted on the Section website as they're finalized. I hope to see many of you there.

Here's to a great fall ahead.

NEWS ATOMS—*Alan Warren*

Andrew Rappe, Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Materials Science & Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, received the 2026 American Chemical Society Jack Simons award in theoretical physical chemistry.

Deaths

Peter H. Burghart, former chemist, December 1, 2025 at 77. He was a Senior Scientist at National Medical Services until 1991 and then worked for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, retiring in 2010. He was ordained a deacon in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and served at his home parish of St. Alphonsus in Maple Glen, PA, followed by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Phoenixville, Pa.

William Marsh, Jr., industrial chemist, March 19, 2026 at 88. He was employed at Sun Oil Research and Development from 1964 to 1977. He then joined E.R. Squibb & Sons, Inc. as Overseas Coordinator of Analytical Development. He went on to hold several sales positions with Antek Instruments, O. I. Analytical, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., and Quality Environmental Containers. Marsh was also involved with music groups including the Mendelssohn Club, the Choral Arts Society, and the Delius Society of Philadelphia. He was a 60+ year member of ACS.

Joyce Hackett Sanyour, retired biologist, April 28th at 71. After working as a biologist, medical writer, and sales rep in the pharmaceutical industry she obtained her law degree in 1996 and joined the US Attorney's Office in Philadelphia. There she worked with the FBI and DEA Anti-Cartel Task Forces, investigating healthcare fraud. She then moved into private practice as an intellectual property and patent lawyer.

Yvette Johnson, chemist, May 27th at 47. She was employed as a Supervisory Chemist with the Food and Drug Administration.

Robert E. Burtner, retired chemical and mechanical engineer, June 1st at 90. He was employed by Sun Oil from 1963 to 1992 and served as Manager of the Custom Products Group where he formulated Sunoco racing gasoline.

John Critchley Martin, Jr., retired patent lawyer June 22nd at 92. While attending night school he was a patent examiner at the US Patent Office. He served as a Patent Lawyer for several firms before joining Atlantic Richfield Company as Patent Attorney in 1971, working there for nearly 30 years. He was active in his local community serving as Chairman of the Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors and on its Zoning Hearing Board and Historical Society.

WCC Celebrates 100 Years!

The ACS Women Chemists Committee will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027!

As part of the festivities, the Women Chemists Committee is going to share stories of how WCC programs (awards, networking, technical programming, etc.) have impacted scientists. Share your story (no more than 300 words) at <https://lnkd.in/gXWywG5e>.

Yes! CEPA is Your ACS Committee for Careers & Professional Development—Tony Addison

CEPA, the ACS's National Committee on Economic & Professional Affairs supports members in several ways, in order to empower us in achieving our professional ambitions.

As ACS has taken the lead in articulating standards for scientists in diverse situations, CEPA thus has several strands of related effort, including the development of professional guidelines for employers and employees in academia. These can be found at: <https://www.acs.org/careers/career-services/ethics/academic-professional-guidelines.html>.

These guidelines cover numerous matters, including:

- The employer's responsibility to provide benefits such as health care and disability insurance.
- The Chemistry professional's responsibility to maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, ethics, and diligence in the conduct of teaching, research, and all other professional duties.
- The Chemistry professional should inform all personnel and their administration of any health or safety hazards in the workplace, and ensure that students and coworkers receive appropriate safety training.
- The Chemistry professional should treat all co-workers with the respect expected by all professionals; this implies more than just being civil to coworkers.
- The faculty member should guide students so all degree requirements can be satisfactorily completed in a reasonable amount of time. Regular and periodic evaluation should be provided to students.
- The faculty member should recognize the research contributions of students, postdoctoral scholars, and staff by co-authorship or appropriate acknowledgment in publications and presentations and encourage students to participate actively in the submission of publications and presentations.

The current Chair of CEPA is Dr. Bhaskar Venapalli, while other current members of the committee are me (Philadelphia Section), and within the Delaware Valley, Dr. John Gavenonis (Delaware Section), and Dr. Sergio Nanita (Delaware Section).

CEPA can be contacted *via* its ACS Staff Liaison, Mr. Tom Halleran, at T_Halleran@acs.org.



ACS Local Section
Philadelphia

ACS Philadelphia Section Board of Directors Meeting

September 10, 2026

In Person at

Grey Towers Castle at Arcadia University

6:00-7:00 PM: Food, Drinks, Socializing

7:00-8:00 PM: Meeting

CODE OF CONDUCT

As members of the Philadelphia Section of the ACS, we shall abide by the Chemists' Code of Conduct which states in part that "Chemical professionals should seek to advance chemical science while striving for the highest standards of scientific integrity. Chemical professionals should treat others with respect and will not engage in discrimination, harassment, bullying, dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, coercive manipulation, censorship, or other misconduct. Such actions apply to all professional, research, and learning environments."

AGENDA

(Meeting will convene at **7:00 PM** and end promptly at 8:00 PM.)

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- III. Officers' Reports:
 - a. Chair – Andrew Devany - Update
 - b. Immediate Past Chair – Wei Gao - Update
 - c. Chair-Elect – Greglynn Gibbs - Update
 - d. Secretary – Matt Irwin
 - e. Treasurer – Ivona Sasimovich Macor
 - f. Chair of Council Affairs – Deborah Cook
- IV. Committee/Affiliate group Reports
- V. Other Business

Those interested in being added to the agenda are kindly asked to send a request by **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** for inclusion in the agenda. All Officers will be included on the agenda to verbally report by default.

Please Note: If a written report or notice of a verbal report is not submitted to by the specified deadline, then all such reports will be relegated for discussion as "Other Business." Please note sufficient time for discussion in these cases cannot be guaranteed.

If you cannot attend in person: register by following this link:

<https://american-chemical-society.zoom.com/join/9tJGw5QTO1B1FqpPrBYQ>

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Younger Chemists Committee Fall Poster Symposium

Explore Careers & Chemistry Research

Join us for a dynamic symposium featuring **invited talks** by senior professionals, **poster presentations** by Philadelphia-area students and industrial professionals. **Network with peers and industry mentors!**



The Lynch Lecture Hall & The Pit
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Date: Friday, September 25, 2026



Time: 3pm – 4pm Invited Talks
4pm – 5pm Poster Session 1
5pm – 6pm Poster Session 2



Scan QR code to register!

Poster Abstract Submission Deadline: September 18th, 2026

There are a limited number of poster slots available, so submit your abstract ASAP

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Undergraduate Students' Tour at the Science History Institute

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2026
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Science History Institute, 315 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Hosted By:

- ACS Philadelphia Local Section Senior Chemists, Younger Chemists, and Career Chemists Committees
- In partnership with Jefferson Chemistry Students and Faculty

Program Schedule:

- 11:00 AM - Arrival at the Science History Institute
- 11:15 AM - Breakout into Small Groups
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - Museum Tour
- 1:00 PM - Walk to Lunch (Location TBA)
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM - Lunch and Small Group Discussions
- 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM - Walking Tour of Philadelphia (Optional)
- Registration \$ 10.00 matched with \$ 10.00 from the senior chemists
- There is no fee for the museum visit. Lunch is pay-as-you-go.

Why Attend?

- **Engage with Senior Chemists:** Gain insights from professionals who have witnessed the evolution of the field.
- **Career Guidance:** Receive resume feedback and discuss your future with members of the ACS Philadelphia Section.
- **Network:** Meet fellow chemistry students from various institutions.
- **Learn About ACS Membership:** Discover the benefits of becoming an ACS student member.

If your school or students are interested, please email Prof. Michael Castaldi at castaldimj@gmail.com.

News from National (new and updated items at top)

New ACS Podcast: Chain Reaction

Did you know that ACS has a new podcast? Dive into **Chain Reaction** – a show that links chemistry's past, present, and future through stories of discovery, impact, and...the unexpected. From alchemy to clean energy, and from health care breakthroughs to environmental challenges, Chain Reaction brings together chemists, engineers, historians, and other experts to uncover the moments that shaped chemistry as we know it today — and the innovations that will shape the next era of chemistry.

So subscribe now wherever you get your podcasts and check out the **ACS podcast Instagram** to stay up to date on all our audio offerings!

ACS' 150th Anniversary

On April 6, 2026, ACS reached its 150th Anniversary milestone mark and is celebrating throughout the year!

Visit the webpage at www.acs.org/ACS150

View the 150th Anniversary [video](#).

Visit [this link](#) and answer the question, What does "Chemistry is Everything" mean to you.

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[ACS Events](#) is the one-stop shop for all ACS events happening globally, online, in-person, and on-demand. Filter by location and connect to events happening near you. Search conferences, workshops, volunteer opportunities, social gatherings, and more! Use the hub to broaden your reach by [submitting your events today!](#)

ACS Online Certificate in Scientific Leadership Newsletter

Register Today for the ACS Online Certificate in Scientific Leadership! Elevate your career and make a bigger impact with the ACS Online Certificate in Scientific Leadership! You will learn how to:

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ACS members get an exclusive discount—don't miss out.

Committee on Ethics Celebrates 20 Years

The ACS Committee on Ethics is proud to celebrate 20 years of service. Visit [our website](#) to learn about and join us for special programming, events, and activities honoring this milestone throughout the year and our continued commitment to Empowering Trust, Honesty, and Integrity for Chemistry and Society (ETHICS).

Volunteers at Your ACS Youth Events Must Have Up-to-Date Background Checks

All volunteers at ACS Youth Events must [complete a background check](#). ACS Background checks are updated each month and are valid for 12 months. Volunteers who completed their backgrounds check last year may need to

renew their background checks in advance of youth events that our section is planning. . Please review the [ACS Youth Protection Policy](#) and complete your background check today.

FREE Lab Safety Resources!

The [Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students e-Textbook](#) is designed for incorporation into a four-year undergraduate chemistry curriculum, containing eight chapters and quizzes at the end of all 73 sections.

[Foundations of Chemical Safety and Risk Management](#) is a 17-unit course designed for undergraduate students with general and organic chemistry laboratory experience based in the RAMP Risk Management Framework.

[Foundations for Storing, Organizing, and Disposing of Chemicals in Educational Settings](#) is a six-unit course for secondary school educators and graduate students who manage chemical storerooms. A Certificate documenting ten hours of Professional Development is available upon completion.

Contact safety@acs.org with questions.

ACS Is Enhancing Your Account Security: Here's What's Changing

To enhance account security, ACS will be updating its username and password requirements starting in Q425. As part of this update, users who haven't changed their password in the past 365 days will be prompted to do so upon login. New password guidelines including length and special character requirements will be clearly displayed via on-screen instructions on Account Creation screen to help guide users through the process.

Update: ACS Mid-Atlantic Regional Meetings

The 2027 meeting will be a "mini-MARM", on May 22nd, hosted by the South Jersey Section, venue TBA. There will be an awards event, and an undergrad student poster session is planned. The Chair is Prof. G. Caputo: caputo@rowan.edu

The 2028 MARM will be hosted by Howard University, in DC: June 8th–10th. The meeting Chair is Prof. W. Farrell: wfarrell@usna.edu

Our Philadelphia Section is seeking volunteers and a location for the 2029 MARM. If you can assist, please contact Prof. D. Salas-de la Cruz: david.salas@rutgers.edu

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Younger Chemists Committee Program and Event Planning Volunteers: The Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) is a committee of the Philadelphia Local Section focusing on the needs of undergraduate, graduate, post doc, and early career chemists under 35 years old. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with program planning this year! This is an excellent opportunity for students and early career chemists to assume leadership roles and network with like-minded scientists within the ACS community. The estimated time commitment would be less than 1 hour per week.

All interested individuals can reach out to Kunyu Wang Kunyuwang95@gmail.com; Andres Vazquez a.vazquez1120@gmail.com



The Committee on Minority Affairs is seeking members. If you would like to join, please contact cma.philaacs@gmail.com to learn more.

The Communications Committee is seeking proof editors for *the Catalyst*. It is published nine times annually. If you would like to join, please contact the Editor, Robin Davis at robin.davis1@verizon.net.

ACS CAREER CONSULTANTS

Would you like to speak to a local ACS Career Consultant? The Philadelphia Section career consultants can provide one-on-one career advice, resume reviews, or mock interviews. Please send an email request to acsphillycareerservices@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

780th ACS Philadelphia Section Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – Teleconference Meeting

Call to Order and Code of Conduct

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Devany at 7:01 PM, who initiated recording for transcription purposes. A quorum was confirmed. The ACS Chemists' Code of Conduct was read aloud.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted verbally by Matthew Irwin.

Present: Andrew Devany; Matthew Irwin; David Cichowicz; Sharon Haynie; Deborah Cook; Judith Currano; Ann Valentine; Ella Davis; Wei Gao; Steve Fleming; Greglynn Gibbs; Ivona Macor; Amy Brown; Andres Vazquez-Lopez; Dan Miller; Isabella Goodenough; Catherine Bentzley; Rob Dyer.

Excused: Christie McInnis; Victor Tortorelli; Melissa Cichowicz.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The April 2026 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Several corrections had been submitted by email prior to the meeting and incorporated.

Motion: Matthew Irwin. Second: Sharon Haynie. Vote: Approved. Abstentions: Ivona Macor, Ann Valentine
The April minutes were approved as presented.

Officer Updates

Chair – Andrew Devany

Andrew provided the following updates:

- Bylaws Vote: As of May 14, 2026, the Section-wide bylaws vote stands at 219 yes votes and 4 no votes, with the voting period extended through May 31, 2026. With approximately 2,400 Section members, reaching 10% participation would earn partial credit toward the ACS Outstanding Section Achievement Award; 20% participation would earn full credit. Board members who have not yet voted were encouraged to do so and to solicit votes from other Section members.
- D&O Insurance: The Section received a quote of \$1,568 for Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance, covering April 24, 2026 through April 24, 2027 (a full year, renewable annually). The current budget included \$1,100 for this line item; a motion was approved to allocate an additional \$468 to cover the difference. Andrew noted the Section will explore other carriers at renewal. Motion to approve additional \$468: David Cichowicz | Second: Matthew Irwin | Vote: Approved.
- 50/60/70-Year Member Luncheon: The luncheon is scheduled for June 11, 2026, 12:00–3:00 PM, at the Science History Institute, Dan Adams Room, Philadelphia. Andrew conducted personal outreach to honorees by email and phone. An Eventbrite registration link was posted in the meeting chat. Board members were asked to share the event on LinkedIn and other channels to maximize attendance.
- In-Person Section Meeting: The planned in-person section meeting has been moved from June to September to allow adequate time for planning. The goal is a well-organized, community-building event open to board members and prospective new members alike. The next Board of Directors meeting remains on schedule for June 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM.
- 100th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium: The symposium will be held May 21–24 at the University of Delaware. Dan Miller (Vice Chair, ACS Colloid Division) provided additional details: ACS member registration is

\$600; student registration is approximately \$300. The conference will include a technical track on art conservation and a banquet at Winterthur. Board members and contacts interested in colloid or surface science were encouraged to attend.

- Undergraduate Tour at Science History Institute: An undergraduate tour at the Science History Institute is scheduled for October 3, 2026, organized by Jim Murray and Mike Castaldi. Coordination with the Institute has already been initiated.

Past Chair – Wei Gao

Wei provided an update on outreach to regional pharmaceutical and chemistry organizations:

- SAPA-GP Conference (Cell and Gene Therapy): Wei attended the SAPA-GP (Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association, Greater Philadelphia) cell and gene therapy conference held May 8–9 in King of Prussia. Approximately 400 attendees. Wei served on a career panel and received a complimentary ticket; Sherry Zhang attended on a discounted ticket.
- Collaboration Opportunities with SAPA-GP: SAPA-GP is open to ACS Philadelphia collaboration, including an ACS-organized programming section (initially 3–4 technical talks) at future conferences, with potential to expand to a full-day track. SAPA-GP also proposed offering complimentary registration to students who volunteer at least 5 hours at the conference—a significant opportunity for student access to industry networking without the registration cost barrier. ACS Philadelphia’s career services resources (e.g., resume review) were identified as a contribution the section can offer in return.
- SAPA National: Wei also connected with a representative of the national SAPA organization, whose career fair activities are primarily concentrated in New Jersey. Travel distance may limit student participation in those events.
- Next Steps: Programming planning with SAPA-GP is tentatively planned for the second half of 2026. Andrew will be looped in for further coordination.

Chair-Elect / Programming – Greglynn Gibbs

Greglynn provided updates on recent programming:

Recent Events:

- Edgar Fahs Smith Lecture: The event was a great success. The Carol Lynch Auditorium was filled to capacity, with additional attendees seated along the aisles and on the floor. Andrew Devany presented the award to the Nobel laureate. Photos from the event will be posted to the section’s social media.
- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) Illustrated Poem Contest: 15 entries were received across three grade levels: K–2, 3–5, and 6–8. No entries were received in the 9–12 category. Winners in each participating grade level will be featured in the upcoming issue of the Catalyst.
- Upcoming Events:
- MARM Luncheon (May 17–19, Hershey, PA): The Committee on Minority Affairs is hosting a luncheon at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM). Speakers Howard and Sally Peters will present “Chocolate Food to the Gods.” The luncheon sold out quickly. A raffle will also be held.

Secretary – Matthew Irwin

No additional report.

Treasurer – Ivona Macor

Ivona provided the following updates:

- 2025 Taxes: The Section's 2025 federal and state tax filings have been submitted and accepted.
- Councilor Reimbursements: Reimbursements have been processed for all requests received to date. Councilors requiring reimbursement for the spring ACS National Meeting should contact Ivona directly.
- Section Email Address: Discussion noted that test emails sent from the Zoho-based section email address are currently landing in spam. Resolving deliverability was identified as an action item before using the address for member outreach. Matt offered to set up a dedicated Treasurer email address for Ivona to test.

The April 2026 Treasurer's Report was presented for board approval.

Motion: Matthew Irwin. Second: Wei Gao. Vote: Approved.

The April 2026 Treasurer's Report was approved.

Chair of Council Affairs – Deborah Cook

Deborah reported the following:

- ACS National Meeting – Chicago (August 2026): Meeting registration opened May 14, 2026. Hotel registration had been available previously. Board members planning to attend were encouraged to register.
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM), May 17–19, Hershey, PA: Deborah will attend on Sunday, May 17th to judge the Commination (Communication) Contest alongside Louise Lauder of the Princeton Section. The contest, open to high school chemistry students, takes place in Cocoa Terrace 1 and Coco 5, approximately 1:00–3:00 PM. Students submit a written article imagining a chemistry discovery 25 years in the future (suitable for publication in ACS's ChemMatters magazine) and present a poster. Categories include new materials, health and medicine, the environment, and energy. The MARM Board Meeting will be held Wednesday evening, May 20th, 6:00–8:00 PM, in a hybrid format (in-person at Hershey and virtual).

Additional Business

Philadelphia Area Chemistry Competition – Catherine Bentzley

Catherine reported on the 11th annual Philadelphia Area Chemistry Competition (formerly known as ChemWars), held Saturday, April 18, 2026:

- 35 students participated, including approximately 25 competitors and 10 organizers.
- Events included trivia, cookie cutting, weighing out, titration races, and electron pong.
- Grand winner: Drexel University. The grand prize includes hosting rights for the following year's competition.
- Attendance was lower than anticipated due to a scheduling conflict with intercollegiate research poster presentations at Ursinus College on the same day. Event planning for 2027 will account for this conflict.

Adjournment

Motion: Matthew Irwin. Second: Deborah Cook. Vote: Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

CHEMICAL CONSULTANTS NETWORK MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

SHOULD YOU STAY OR SHOULD YOU GO NAVIGATING WORKLIFE TRANSITIONS

Cynthia Kay, Founder CK and CO Media and Cynthia Kay Biz

DATE & TIME: Wednesday September 9, 2026, 6:30 PM ET

[Click here to register](#)

Location: Online via Zoom! (Registration required)

Biography: Cynthia Kay is the founder of CK and CO Media and Cynthia Kay Biz, LLC, a communication consulting firm. She is a former award-winning broadcaster, author, speaker and expert in small business leadership. She has served organizations from Fortune Global 100 and small businesses to associations and nonprofits.

CK writes for Entrepreneur.com and has authored four books. Small Business. Big Success: How to Beat the Odds and Grow a Great Business is one of the Top 20 Best Business Minds Book Award for 2025 and a Best Book Finalist in the American Book Fest Awards.

Abstract: *Should You Stay or Should You Go: Navigating the Emotional Crossroads of Business Ownership* hit the Amazon Kindle Bestseller list. CK offers a candid look at how to remain relevant and grow your business, transition and reinvent yourself or exit. Cynthia's journey, and her stories of other successful business owners, explores how to ask difficult questions, the signs that you need to make a change or define your legacy, a framework and timing for taking next steps and the options - whether you stay or go.

Click [here](#) to register to attend the event. This session is **FREE**.

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All committees are looking for new members and several are looking for "take charge" chairs. Some, like the Teller's Committee, involve minimal work—one night per year and pizza provided. Others, like positions on Communications or Social Committees, involve one or two hours per month.

Comittee details can be found at:

www.membership.acs.org/p/philadelphia

or by calling the Philadelphia Section Office (215) 382-1589.

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