Dr. Delgado’s Position Statement

I have represented SoFL-ACS at the national level by being appointed or elected to several ACS committees. My recent appointment to the Society Committee on Education increases the visibility of South Florida at the National Level. It is our opportunity to have a voice on newer trends in science education and policy statements related to science education. It is important to continue to be visible and active in the decision-making process of ACS to garner support and recognition for our efforts in continuing our mission to reach the general public and support the local chemistry community. Areas of concern for me are reaching out to the industrial sector of our section and our West Coast members. Because of our efforts now we have a seminar and general meeting of the Local Section in the West Coast at least once a year. For student members I would like to host a common meeting for leaders of each chapter to facilitate communication and the organization of common events. This will help to bring together our younger members in the Local Section. Have ideas? Want to be involved? I encourage you to email me at delgadom@fiu.edu. What issues would you like to be addressed at National or local level? Continue to be active and if you have ideas on what works for you in your area, please let us know.

George Fisher, PhD

Dr. Fisher earned a BS in chemistry Rollins College (1965), M.S. in organic chemistry U of Florida (1968), and a PhD from organic U. of Miami (1972). He is currently Professor of Chemistry at Barry University and received the Barry U Presidential Scholar award in 1998 and 2007, and the Faculty of the Year award 2002. He received the SoFL-ACS Distinguished Service Award in 1991 and the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2015. Nationally, the ACS Southern Chemist Award in 1995 and the ACS award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students to Enter Careers in the Chemical Sciences in 2013. He was selected as an ACS Fellow, class of 2019. He has served the ACS in various positions for over 40 years. He was Miami Subsection Secretary/Treasurer, 1971 and 1976; Chairman-Elect, 1977; and Chairman, 1978. He was Florida Section Chairman-Elect-Designate, 1979; Chairman-Elect, 1980; and Chairman, 1981; South Florida Section Chair-Elect, 2002; Chair 2003 and 2004. As an ACS National Councilor/Alternate Councilor for over 25 years, he was a member of the ACS Project SEED Committee, 1984-1992 and 1998-2009; the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC), 1993-1996; and currently serves on the Community Activities Committee, 2010-present. He is also editor of SoFlacs newsletter, National Chemistry Week/Earth Recycling chairman of the bylaws subcommittee. He has presented Chemistry Magic Shows/Demos since 1991 to enthuse elementary students about science. He was a mentor for several Miami Project SEED students from 1984 to 1990, and now coordinates the SoFL-ACS SEED program. He is also Executive Treasurer of Gamma Sigma Epsilon National Chemistry Honor Society and a member of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Fisher’s Position Statement

My record of ACS service for over 40 years demonstrates my commitment to ACS. I will continue to support the goals of ACS to improve the public image of chemistry and the impact of chemistry on everyone’s life and continue to present a positive image of chemistry to the general public through our service now on the national ACS committee on Community Affairs (NCW and CCEW). Encouraging our younger students (K-12) is one of my top priorities. I will broaden the role of chemical education in the local schools. We need to reach children early (elementary age) about the importance of chemistry and science to their everyday lives. As your Councilor I have also voted to keep your membership dues as low as possible while maintaining the level of services which members wish. I will work to increase the ACS thrust through programs such as Project SEED, ACS Scholars, and Minority Affairs.

Jesse Bernstein, PhD

Jesse Bernstein (elected ACS Fellow 2019) is retired as a chemistry teacher and department chair at Miami Country Day School. He also taught at The Harefield School in Cleveland, He has B.A. and Ph.D. from S.U.N.Y. Buffalo in organometallic chemistry of aluminum. He was actively involved in the Cleveland ACS section serving as chair of two committees for over 15 years. He has received several local, regional, and national ACS awards. He was the Cleveland local section High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award, as well as Great Lakes Regional H.S. Teacher of the...
Lisa Milenkovic, PhD  
Lisa earned a BS in chemistry from the University of Miami and PhD in analytical chemistry from Northeastern University. She was quality Assurance Manager, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Boston, MA (1990-1994) and adjunct professor at Northeastern University (1992-1994). She then returned to Miami as a research associate at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (1994-1995); independent Consultant, Laboratory Automation, Instrument connectivity, database design and interface programming for environmental and pharmaceutical industry (1995-2003); half-time Assistant Professor, Barry University, teaching analytical and environmental chemistry (1998-2001); Staff Developer, Core Curriculum - Science, and Elementary Science Teacher, Broward County Public Schools (2004-2012); STEM Supervisor, Office of Academics, Broward County Public Schools (2012-present). She was District Finalist, Teacher of the Year 2009, and 2007 Environmental Educator of the Year. She has been an ACS member since 1985.

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VOTE IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA ACS ELECTIONS

Section members who have emails will receive an email mid-November with a link to vote online. If you do not have email or do not wish to vote online you can use the ballot below. SoFL-ACS members can vote by only ONE method: paper ballot or online.

1. For Councilor/Alternate Councilor, the two nominees with the most votes will become Councilors, the remaining two nominees will be Alternate Councilors.
2. Cut off the ballot below and place it in an envelope, sign the top left hand corner of the envelope, stamp and mail it to the secretary:

CHAIRMAN-ELECT  
John Reilly  
SECRETARY  
Milagros Delgado  
TREASURER  
David Riusceh  
COUNCILOR/ALTERNATE COUNCILOR - Vote for 2 nominees  
Jesse Bernstein  
__ or George Fisher  
__ or Lisa Milenkovic

BALLETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Dr. Milagros Delgado