

Nancy B. Jackson

President-Elect Candidate Short Statement

The American Chemical Society is a diverse collection of chemical scientists and engineers who are served by an impressive array of ACS publications, technical meetings, and dedicated volunteers

Research and innovation, especially in the central and enabling chemical sciences, is essential to economic prosperity and necessary to meet our future challenges related to energy and sustainability. If elected ACS President, I will work to bring that message to the public and to government at all levels.

To excel at research and innovation requires excellence in many components: **The most important is education.** Better chemical, mathematic, and scientific education at the K-12 level is vital for attracting and enabling young people to succeed in a career in the chemical sciences. Other aspects necessary for us to excel in research and innovation include a strong and consistent federal support for research, healthy colleges and universities, and a productive and focused national laboratory system.

As president, I would be a tireless advocate for the necessary components for excellence in research and innovation.

Global alliances with chemical societies and well chosen partners among scientific societies within this country can be used to greatly amplify our advocacy efforts. If elected ACS President-elect in 2010 to be President in 2011, the International Year of Chemistry, I will unite with the world's chemical societies to advocate tirelessly and in a unified fashion. I will partner with our international colleagues to educate policy makers and the public on the importance of the chemical sciences and the absolute dependence upon chemical research and innovation for long term environmental sustainability and economic well being.

I ask for your support and your vote. In return, I promise to give my enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to serve the members of the American Chemical Society and the chemical profession.