



The Academy of Toxicological Sciences

Dear ATS Fellows

With this note, the ATS Board of Directors (BOD) is sending its first quarterly ATS Connection email. The ATS Connection email is intended to give a concise and more frequent update on what is happening within our organization. Increasing member engagement was a key outcome of the ATS Visioning Task Force 2015 membership survey. As always, your feedback on this communication and ways to bring increased value to you as a Fellow and to the ATS certification is encouraged.

**Certification Activity:**

Please welcome the following new Fellows to ATS: Mary Gulumian, Mark Johnson, Mitzi Nagarkatti, Timothy Pastoor, Carey Pope, Stanley Tarka, and Vishal Vaidya.

Please congratulate the following on their recertification: Bruce Kelman, Curt Omiecinski, Paul Foster, Peter Goering, Rosalind Schoof, and Virginia Moser.

The certification and recertification process continues to be a robust peer-review assessment of candidates. The BOD is continuing to look for improvements to the application. More stringent expectations for demonstrated continuing education in the initial certification is one such area currently being discussed.

**Board of Directors Business and Initiatives:**

The BOD is pleased to report progress during the Implementation phase (2016-2017) of our Visioning Initiative. A more thorough report will be given at the Annual Meeting of the Fellows to be held at SOT in Baltimore where we hope to see you. Three new committees have been established to advance key initiatives:

- **ATS Recruitment Committee** will engage in outreach to potential candidates and maintain a recruitment list; will work with other professional societies to provide ATS Fellow mentors; will monitor ATS Fellow demographics. Dr. Jane Ellen Simmons, Chair; Dr. Jon Cook, Vice Chair
- **ATS Recognition Committee** will advance ATS recognition by proposing/implementing new ideas that grow ATS visibility; will liaise with external groups to promote ATS Fellow involvement in national/international decision-making and/or advisory committees. Dr. Don Fox, Chair; Dr. Myrtle Davis, Vice Chair.
- **ATS Communications Committee** will advance the use of social media by creating an ATS LinkedIn website and facilitate member enrollment; will monitor scientific and regulatory issues of importance to ATS membership and implement mechanisms for rapid response, publications, issues summaries and written debates. Dr. Lorene Buckley, Chair, Dr. Kyle Kolaja, Vice Chair.

In order to increase membership engagement, each new Committee and the existing Awards Committee (administers our prestigious Mildred S. Christian Career Achievement Award) will include 2 Fellows from the general membership. If

you are interested in serving on these Committees, please respond by **Friday, September 30, 2016** to the [ATS Fellow Self-Nomination Survey](#). The BOD wants you involved!

Please watch for a request in the near future to vote on changes to the ATS Bylaws. Several important changes are proposed that the BOD believes are responsive to your requests to increase the value of the ATS Fellow certification and our organization. In particular changes to the Nominating Committee will allow 2 Fellows from the general membership to serve two-year terms on the Committee.

**Other News:**

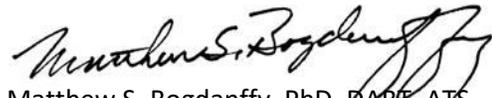
It is with deep sadness that we notify the ATS Fellows of the passing of Dr. Robert Krieger, PhD, ATS, on 26 July 2016. Dr. Kreiger was a renowned toxicologist, especially in the area of pesticide toxicity, but his first love was teaching toxicology. Please take a moment to read more about Bob and his contributions to our profession, written by ATS Fellow Dr. Richard Clark. [[Click to read full write up](#)]

[Give us your feedback](#). See you at SOT!

Best regards,

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On behalf of the ATS Board of Directors



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