

# ATS CONNECTION

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST BIENNIAL NEWSLETTER

Past-President Matthew Bogdanffy began the practice of more regular updates to Fellows by sending out a brief "ATS Connection" email. That name is now adopted for the newsletter, and the ongoing intent is to have two full ATS Connections per year, rather than the previous annual edition. So, welcome to the Winter 2018 Edition of the ATS Connection! The next edition will be published in June. The Summer edition will continue to highlight Fellow awards, publications and achievements. Feel free to send submissions or other suggestions for features in the newsletter (Guest columnists, pictures, quotes, other ideas?) to Susie Masten at [smasten@acadtoxsci.org](mailto:smasten@acadtoxsci.org).

## LEIGH ANN'S LETTER... (AKA THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE)

My grandmother used to tell me that the older you get, the faster time seems to go. And I can say that every year that goes by seems to go faster than the one before. This year has been no different. We are halfway through the fiscal year for ATS and I can hardly believe it. This year has been both exciting and dizzying, and there are so many things I want to share with you about it. This newsletter has most of the details so I'll try to only capture the highlights here.

If there has been a theme to my time on the ATS Board it might be "evolution". As Matt passed the gavel to me in Baltimore, I mentioned all the activities that the Board had undertaken in the preceding years. The Visioning Activities and Membership Survey undertaken by then-President Ken Wallace to actively assess ways to increase the value we provide to the membership by engaging and promoting the Fellows to a greater extent. Then came the subsequent Outreach, Recognition, and Engagement Task Force efforts under the leadership of Mike Holsapple, and the official establishment of Recruitment, Recognition, and Communications Committees under Matt Bogdanffy. We also made changes to the bylaws to put new structure around Board composition, Executive Committee elections, and adding member participation in the new committees.

During this same timeframe, the Board also took a serious look at how we could execute on our strategic vision and those activities I just described via greater engagement/partnership with our Executive Director and management firm, and doing this in a way that maintained the Academy's fiscal health. We believed it was necessary to maintain the momentum we had begun and to help us continue to engage/evolve to provide that added value so many of you said was important to us all during the engagement survey undertaken almost 3 years ago. As you all know, we changed management companies on October 1<sup>st</sup> and are now working through Masten Management, with Susie Masten serving as our new Executive Director. Read a little about Susie and Laurie elsewhere in the newsletter and come meet them at the Annual Business Meeting and Mixer! The transition has gone very well and the Board and Committees are feeling well-supported. And if you haven't had a chance, go check out the new website (<https://acadtoxsci.org/>)! It looks GREAT!!

As part of the management company transition, we have been working to assure that contact information for Fellows is as up-to-date as possible. As we update



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records we have learned about passings of which some of us were unaware. Those are recognized later in an *In Memoriam* section of the Newsletter. We have also learned that some of our Fellows appear to be "lost". If you see a name on the "Lost List" and you have recent contact information please let Susie know.

Switching over the financial records has revealed a few unexpected surprises - some good, some not so good. The good news is, the ATS is on solid financial ground presently. As a result, the Board has agreed to implement a suggestion brought forward by several Fellows over the last couple years. We will NOT be charging to attend the Mixer and Business Meeting, and we are no longer asking for independent donations to support the ATS. Rather, we will host a cash bar with the focus on networking and catching up – and the recognition of the Mildred Christian Achievement Award winner, of course! We would also like to use this as an opportunity for Fellows to bring potential new fellows to the Mixer to encourage them to apply and grow our membership. More information on this can be found later in the newsletter.

The not-so-good news is that we have also uncovered that we have a growing number of Fellows who have not recertified – or for whom we have no record of recertification – and a growing number of Fellows who have not paid dues in over 2 years. Long-term this will be problematic for the fiscal health and solvency of the ATS. The reasons for these two issues simply aren't clear and rather than dwell on the "why", we will focus on how to fairly rectify this situation and bring everyone who is impacted back into good standing. All Fellows should be aware that our bylaws state that we are required to recertify every 5 years. There are forms and fees associated with recertification. Regarding dues payments, our bylaws state that if dues are not current, a Fellow is no longer eligible to vote or hold office, and after 1 year of delinquency a Fellow must formally reapply for membership in the ATS. Finally, anyone who is not a member in good standing cannot use the FATS, Fellow ATS, or ATS designation. I don't want to have to tell anyone that they can no longer use the ATS letters and claim membership so here is my plea for all Fellows:

- 1) Check your contact information to be sure we have the right email and physical address. There is a directory on the website where you can verify this.
- 2) Please pay your dues when contacted. Annual dues must be paid no later than September 15 of each year.
- 3) If you are recertifying, that is an additional fee in that year. To help with any confusion, we are moving to a single recertification deadline of June 30 (the end of our fiscal year). Fellows who are due to recertify in 2018 will be receiving a notice from Susie. Please complete this by the June 30 deadline. Information on recertification and payment of fees can be found on the website.
- 4) If you are contacted about delinquent annual dues or recertification and you believe this is in error, please bear with us. You can supply confirmation of payment or evidence of confirmation of recertification. We know things happen and errors get made in records, especially old records. Susie and Laurie are working hard to assure everything is fully up to date.

Finally, I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Business Meeting and Mixer at the SOT Meeting in San Antonio. The mixer will be Monday night, March 12, from 8-9:30 PM at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio in the Lone Star Ballroom D.

Sincerely,



Leigh Ann Burns Naas, PhD DABT ATS ERT  
ATS President, 2017-2018

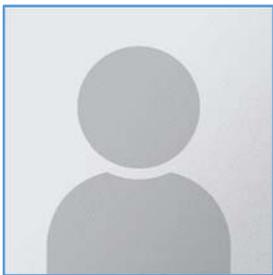
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## SAVE THE DATE: ATS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND RECEPTION

The annual ATS gathering is almost upon us! It will again be held on Monday rather than Wednesday. The Board is planning on a less formal event this year. There will be a short business meeting and the presentation of the 2018 Mildred Christian Award. However, there will be no charge for attendance, and a cash bar will be available. Attendees will be given one drink ticket for a complimentary first beverage. Also new this year, potential Fellows are invited to attend. Current Fellows are the best resource for identifying the accomplished toxicologists that the Academy would like to invite to apply. Please mark your calendars with the meeting information and be on the lookout for an email invitation requesting an RSVP in early February.

ATS Annual Business Meeting and Reception  
Monday, March 12, 8-9:30 pm  
Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
Lone Star Ballroom D

## 2018 MILDRED CHRISTIAN AWARD AND THE WINNER IS....



The Mildred Christian award is conferred upon an ATS Fellow who has clearly demonstrated a lasting impact on toxicological sciences. The Awards Committee had the extremely difficult task of reviewing the many nomi-

nations submitted for the 2018 Mildred Christian Award and selecting a recipient. As the old saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait." In keeping with that, the recipient will be announced at the Annual Meeting and Reception. Many thanks to the members of this year's Awards Committee: Leigh Ann Burns Naas (Chair), Mary Beth Genter, Kyle Kolaja, John Lipscomb and Jane Ellen Simmons.

## ATS HAS A NEW WEBSITE

ATS has a new website! Hopefully all Fellows have had a chance to visit the new site and will agree that it has a much fresher, more modern look and feel. In order to make this change, all active and Emeritus Fellows have been assigned a new user ID, which consists of your last name followed by your first initial. For example, Tom Toxin would have a user ID as follows: toxint. There are a few Fellows with the same last name and first initial, or whose last names were too long or short to follow this format. Fellows can request both their user name and a new password from the site. The one piece of information that is needed is the email address that ATS has on record. If you have any trouble accessing the site, just contact Susie at [smasten@acadtoxsci.org](mailto:smasten@acadtoxsci.org) and she will be happy to assist you. Note that to pay dues or recertification fees, you do not have to be logged into the site. If you haven't yet, go take a look! [www.acadtoxsci.org](http://www.acadtoxsci.org).



## GOOD NEWS AND NOT-SO-GOOD NEWS

Are you the type who likes the good news or the not-so good news first? Pick your preference below!

Click [HERE](#) to read the good news first.

Click [HERE](#) to read the not-so-good news first.

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## THE NOT-SO-GOOD NEWS

ATS is on solid financial ground! However, to remain this way the Board, with the help of the new Executive Director, is going to have to be strict about dues and recertification payment deadlines. Many Fellows were recently sent invoices for unpaid dues, recertification fees and applications. The newly revised Bylaws require Fellows to be in good standing to hold Board or Committee positions or vote in elections. Please adhere to deadlines and pay any outstanding balances! All Fellows are valuable to the Academy, and we do not want to lose any for non-payment of fees.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are happy to welcome the following new Fellows who became members since January 2017:

Nancy Claude	Jeffrey Englehardt
Michael Hughes	Lei Guo
Debra Kaden	Nan Mei
Matthew Reed	Aristidis Tsatsakis
Luis Valerio	Helmut Zarbl

In addition, the following Fellows successfully completed the recertification process:

Lorrene Buckley	Joan Cranmer
Jacques Descotes	Alok Dhawan
Gio Batta Gori	Jonathan Heck
Darland Juberg	Sang-Tae Kim
Gopala Krishna	Kannan Krishnan
James Lamb	Jeff Peters
Michael Olson	Ross LeClaire
Stephen Roberts	George Rusch
Madhusudan Soni	Daniel Wierda

Emeritus status was granted to the following Fellows:

Joseph Borzelleca	Charles R. Clark
Steven Cohen	Marcello Lotti
Robert Tardiff	

## MEET THE STAFF

In October of last year, ATS contracted with a new management company. Our new Executive Director is Susie Masten. Susie is the owner of a small management company based in Raleigh, North Carolina. She has a degree in Communications and English and holds her certificate in Non Profit Management from Duke. She has also earned her certificate as a Credentialing Specialist from the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. Many of you may be familiar with her through her work with the American Board of Toxicology and the Toxicology Education Foundation. Susie and her colleague, Laurie Wood, have



Susie

been busy with the redesign of the ATS website, streamlining policies and procedures and helping the Board in the effort to grow ATS and keep it a thriving, vibrant organization. While any change comes with a bit of apprehension, the Board hopes that all Fellows will appreciate the more personal touch provided by a smaller management company. Come meet them at the Annual Reception!



Laurie

## LOST FELLOWS

We have been unable to locate the following Fellows:

Durisala Desaiiah	William Greenlee
Deborah Hansen	Ralph Kodell
Annetta Watson	

Tell your fellow Fellows that we are looking for them! Ask them to contact Susie and if you have their current contact information, please send it to Susie at [smasten@acadtoxsci.org](mailto:smasten@acadtoxsci.org).

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## THE GOOD NEWS

ATS is on solid financial ground! After several years of asking Fellows for donations in addition to their annual dues and/or recertification payments, ATS is financially sound. A heartfelt thank you to all of the Fellows who have donated through the years. While contributions will not be turned down, they are no longer necessary. The Board would like to acknowledge those Fellows who contributed during this fiscal year:

Barbara Beck	Howard Maibach
Matt Bogdanffy	Nan Mei
Joe Borzelleca	Robert Osterberg
Bill Brock	Robert Phalen
Jean-Roger Claude	Lorenz Rhomberg
Michael Derelanko	Carol Sabourin
Peter Di Marco	Tetsuo Satoh
Marion Ehrich	Richard Schlesinger
Bruce Fowler	I. Glenn Sipes
Peter Goering	William Slikker, Jr.
Gio Batta Gori	Kenneth Still
Bryan Hardin	Sidney Stohs
Alan Hoberman	William Stokes
Robert Kapp, Jr.	Christopher Teaf
Bruce Kelman	John Thomas

## ATS 2018 ELECTION UNDERWAY

Emails were sent to all Fellows in good standing recently to vote in the 2018 Election. Fellows are encouraged to submit their vote for Vice-President, three Board members, one member of the Awards Committee and one member of the Nominating Committee. Votes must be received by February 10, 2018.

Didn't receive the email? Contact Susie at [smasten@acadtoxsci.org](mailto:smasten@acadtoxsci.org). It could be that you have an outstanding balance for dues or you have not submitted a recertification application and/or fees.



## IN MEMORIAM

With the transition to the new management company, a thorough review and archival of records was completed. Sadly, it was discovered that many Fellows listed as Emeritus on the website had passed away, as well as current Fellow Mark Hite. Please let the ATS office know if a member has passed away so that the loss can be acknowledged and mourned by their colleagues. The Academy is saddened by the loss of the following members:

J. Wesley Clayton, Jr.	Jack C. Dacre
Frank Dost	John Doull
Gary W. Flamm	Jack D. Hackney
John Higginson	Mark Hite
Frederick R. Johannsen	John C. Kirschman
Ted A. Loomis	James W. Newberne
Gordon W. Newell	Karl Rozman
F. William Sunderman, Jr.	

Fellow Roger O. McClellan wrote a wonderful tribute to Dr. John Doull which was published in the *International Journal of Toxicology*. Fellow Robert Kapp, Jr. provided the introduction. See below for details to access this article about one of the great pioneers of the field of toxicology.

"A Tribute to John Doull, BS, PhD, MD: Scientist, Physician, Educator, Communicator, Advisor, and, Above All, A Gentleman and Friend to Many" Roger O. McClellan. *International Journal of Toxicology*. Vol 36, Issue 4, pp. 277 – 286, First Published August 17, 2017

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1091581817721465>

## DID YOU KNOW?

### ATS HAS TWO TYPES OF FEES

1. ANNUAL DUES
2. RECERTIFICATION FEE DUE EVERY FIVE YEARS (IN ADDITION TO DUES)

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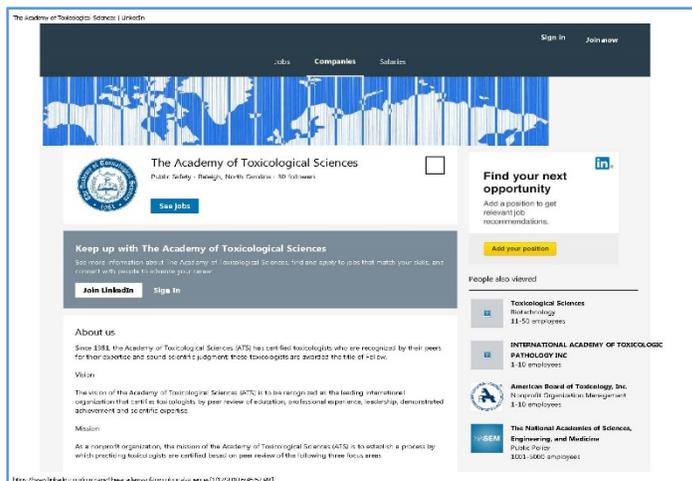
## COMMITTEE CORNER

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CC, chaired by Lorrene Buckley and including members Tim Pastoor (Co-Chair), Dan Petersen, and Berna Magnuson, worked diligently throughout 2017 to move forward on several projects:

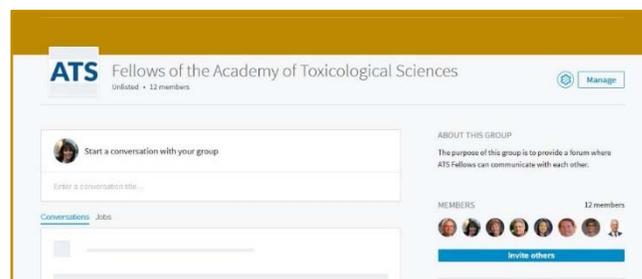
#### ATS LinkedIn Page

The ATS LinkedIn page is under construction! It is a public site which will provide a forum for showcasing ATS as a premier toxicology credentialing organization. Our ATS LinkedIn site provides a mechanism for the external environment to connect with the expertise of our experienced Fellows. For example, last year, ATS was contacted by a governmental agency seeking to engage subject matter experts for one of their toxicologically-related projects. The site can also be leveraged as a membership recruiting tool and a mechanism for guiding individuals through the application process. We plan for the site to serve as a venue to highlight accomplishments and achievements of ATS members. One feature submitted by the Recognition Task Force is developing profiles for “Fellow of the Month” and “ATS Awardees.” The first “Fellow of the Month” featuring Don Fox will be published soon. Be sure to follow the ATS LinkedIn page to see it! Additionally, ATS could post articles of toxicological commentary/insight on various issues. For example, we plan to administer a survey to the Fellows regarding climate change as it relates to toxicology and then summarize the collective results of the survey on the LinkedIn site. What do **YOU** suggest we include on our LinkedIn site to enhance the brand of ATS and the ATS Fellows?



#### ATS LinkedIn Fellows Group

In addition to the public LinkedIn page, a private LinkedIn group called “Fellows of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences” has been created as an interactive site for ATS Fellows only. The group is a hidden group. In order to join, an invitation must be sent to you. An email with instructions will be sent soon. This Fellows group will communicate information germane to members regarding ATS activities (e.g., upcoming meetings, invitations to participate in various Board initiatives, solicitations for award nominees, recognition of ATS member accomplishments). Importantly this site will provide a forum for ATS Fellows to interact with each other regarding issues and news of import to ATS and the practice of toxicology. For example, Fellows could connect to form special interest subgroups or recruit potential authors for publications and symposia speakers. Ideas for consideration are welcomed! What do **YOU** suggest we include on our ATS Fellows LinkedIn site?



#### ACTION ITEMS FOR FELLOWS

- If you don't have a LinkedIn profile, sign up! It's quick and easy, and you can build your profile and connections over time.
- Once you have a profile, “follow” the ATS LinkedIn site at [https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-academy-of-toxicological-Sciences?trk=top\\_nav\\_home](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-academy-of-toxicological-Sciences?trk=top_nav_home)
- Look soon for an email with instructions for how to join the private ATS Fellows group site.

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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE CONTINUED

Contact the CC with questions, suggestions, good ideas for site content, etc.

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Tim Pastoor, Co-Chair	timothypastoor@gmail.com
Berna Magnuson	berna@bernamagnuson.com
Dan Petersen	petersen.dan@epa.gov

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

As required by our bylaws, which have been revised to enable greater Fellow engagement in ATS directions and governance, the Nominating Committee prepared a special election ballot of candidates from the general membership for election to the Awards and Nominating Committees. We are pleased that Drs. Jose Manautou (1 year term) and Yvonne Dragan (2 year term) have joined Board members Jon Cook, Myrtle Davis and Past President Matthew Bogdanffy on the Nominating Committee and that Drs. Mary Beth Genter (1 year term) and John Lipscomb (2 year term) have joined Board member Jane Ellen Simmons and President Leigh Ann Burns Naas on the Awards Committee. The now-complete Nominating Committee presented the ballot to the ATS Board for voting by the membership-at-large in January. Please participate in the election which is ongoing, and wish the new Board members congratulations at the Annual Meeting of the Fellows in March.

## EMERITUS STATUS EXPLAINED

As dues and recertification notices are sent out, we receive many questions regarding Emeritus status. To be granted Emeritus status, a Fellow must be a member in good standing with all dues and fees up-to-date. Please see below for details on Emeritus status.

**Emeritus Fellow:** Emeritus status may be conferred upon a Fellow who has completed a minimum of 10 consecutive years as a Fellow in good standing with the ATS. A Fellow desiring Emeritus status must submit a letter of request to the Board of Directors stating that he/she is retiring, is neither employed nor active as a consultant, and no longer continues the practice of toxicology as a primary means of financial support. Emeritus Fellows do not pay annual dues.

- Emeritus Fellows receive the right to use the credential ATS on their curriculum vitae.
- Emeritus Fellows receive the electronic publication of the ATS Newsletter.
- Emeritus Fellows receive an invitation to the ATS Annual Reception.
- Emeritus Fellows may not cast ballots in Academy elections.

## ATS HAS NEW MAILING ADDRESS

With the transition to the new management company, ATS has a new address. Please make a note of this as dues and other payments are still being sent to the old address.

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