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NOMINEE FOR CHAIR-ELECT Orlando Acevedo

Professor Acevedo got his B.S. from Florida International University in 1998 and his Ph.D. from Duquesne University in 2003. In 2003-2006, he conducted postdoctoral research at Yale University. Orlando began his independent career from 2006-2015 at Auburn University as an assistant and associate professor before being appointed an associate professor at the University of Miami in 2015. His research focuses upon the application and development of new computational tools that target organic and enzymatic catalyst design, alternative environmentally friendly solvent design, and drug discovery. Fundamental problems in organic and medicinal chemistry are probed, such as elucidation of enzymatic reactions, controlling enantioselectivity for chiral compounds, transition structure prediction, de novo design of high-affinity inhibitors, and origins of drug resistance. Obtaining quantitative success with large-scale quantum and molecular mechanical calculations involves the development of improved force fields, software, and methodology. During his career, he received numerous awards including IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists in 2004 and the Hewlett-Packard Outstanding Junior Faculty Award (ACS) in 2008. In 2011, he became a Golden Key International Honor Society Honorary Member, and at Auburn University he was awarded a S.D. and Karen H. Worley Endowed Professorship in 2014. He authored or co-authored more than 50 impacted papers with over 1600 citations so far.

ACS Service. Dr. Acevedo has been active member in the ACS since 1999 and has held several leadership positions. He has been an executive officer in the Computers in Chemistry Division (COMP) from 2004-2014 as the newsletter editor, Chair of the Auburn Local Section of the American Chemical Society in 2009, 2010, and 2011, served on the national Committee for Minority Affairs (CMA) for the ACS from 2012-2013, and was a Councilor for the Auburn Local Section from 2012-2015. Orlando put on a workshop called the "Instant Supercomputer!" at the 2009 SERMACS conference in San Juan,

Puerto Rico that was awarded a 2011 ChemLuminary Award (COMP division) for innovation and diversity outreach from the ACS.

Position Statement. If elected Chair of the SoFL-ACS local section, it is my intention to continue the excellent work of the section. In particular, I would emphasize the participation of undergraduate and graduate students at National and Regional ACS conferences through additional travel award opportunities. I would focus on professional career development for our members at all stages of their careers, develop new mentoring programs for young professionals in the form of "mentor lunches" with participants from academia and industry, and stress outreach into K-12 schools.

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER

David Riusech

Since earning his Bachelors in chemistry from FIU in 1987, David has been working in private industry here in South Florida — 10 years for Cordis Corporation in the field of Medical Devices and the last 18 years have been dedicated to the Pharmaceutical industry working for various companies among them KOS Pharmaceuticals and Noven Pharmaceuticals of where he is currently employed. He has served as SoFL-ACS treasurer since 2016.

Position Statement. I have been with the American Chemical Society and the South Florida Section for many years but in recent years have felt compelled to take a more active role. SoFL-ACS has strong representation from the academic sector but practically no active representation from industry. Private industry in the chemistry field in South Florida has been facing challenges in the past decade but it is still present and has a good potential for meaningful scientific contributions. My goal for the position of Chairman-Elect and Treasurer is to increase participation of private industry from innovative, product oriented companies. This will eventually lead to a vibrant environment for Chemistry Professionals in both academia and private industry to thrive while giving graduating Chemists from the section another option for a fulfilling career.



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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. Vote for the nominated candidate or write-in a nominee. 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:

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CHAIRMAN-ELECT ___ Orlando Acevedo Or _____

TREASURER ___ David Riusech Or _____



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