



ACS Governance Reception at Regional Meetings

Anywhere from one to six members of the national ACS Board of Directors attend each regional meeting. The goal of their attendance is to engage and network with members and attendees in a variety of settings. Board members are especially interested in hearing attendees' thoughts and views on their Society. This serves as an important form of feedback that is shared with the entire Board of Directors. To enable this goal, the Board provides financial support for a Governance Reception at each regional meeting.

What is the Regional Meeting Governance Reception?

Governance receptions are a long-standing tradition at regional meetings. They provide an opportunity for regional meeting attendees to interact with local, regional, and national members of ACS governance. The ACS Board of Directors provides \$2,500 to each regional meeting to support a governance reception. Many regions use that funding to supplement the costs of food and beverages for attendees.

Suggestions for optimal attendance and engagement:

- **Scheduling:** Your reception should be scheduled for a time and date that is anticipated to have high attendance. Many regional meetings organizers have found that 3-6 pm works well. Hosting the reception immediately prior to a plenary or awards session often increases attendance at both events.
- **Location:** Scheduling the event in a high visibility location near other high attendance events increases the opportunity to increase drop-by attendance by those attending other events nearby. Promotional and directional signage is highly encouraged.
- **Format:** There are many formats that are suitable for a regional governance reception, but most regional meeting organizers find networking associated with food and beverages increases attendance. Some successful examples include:
 - Pre-awards banquet networking with food & beverage
 - Pre-plenary session with food & beverage
 - Networking with food & beverage only
 - Networking and poster session with food & beverage
 - Ice cream (dessert) social

ACS Board of Directors Engagement:

Board members would like to participate in the reception by providing a brief welcome to attendees, and an introduction of any fellow Board members in attendance.