

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to **APPLY!**

ACerS Presidents Council of Student Advisors (PCSA) will be accepting application for the 2025-2026 Class of Delegates.

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON February 17, 2025!

*The 2024-2025 class of delegates consists of **52 students** from **28 universities**, representing **10 countries**.*

WHAT IS PCSA?

The President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA) is the student-led organization of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) composed of ceramic and glass-focused students from around the world.

"Getting to network with a group of my peers who will go on to shape the future of ceramics and glass science."

-Brittney Hauke



PhD Candidate, Penn State
2023-2024: Communication Chair

"Being a member of PCSA has introduced me to people from all over the world who have similar aspirations as I do."

-Jack Hoffer

Undergraduate student,
Clemson University
2024-2025: Professional Development Chair



"It has made me confident in my abilities as a leader.."

-Anna Asghar

Undergraduate student,
NUST

2024-2025: Recruitment and Retention Chair



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PCSA?

- Coordinate student-focused ceramic and glass programming.
- Develop and implement educational activities.
- Facilitate industry-student relations.
- Help actively engage students as leaders in the ceramic and glass materials community.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A PCSA DELEGATE?

- A strong interest in ceramics/glass
- Leadership qualities
- Reliability and strong drive



PCSA delegates along with the current ACerS' president, Raj Bordia (Center) at the 2024 PCSA Annual Business Meeting.



For more information and to apply, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/JoinPCSA>

PCSA

Committees & Leadership Opportunities

New and returning delegates gather in the Fall on the weekend prior to MS&T, for the PCSA annual business meeting. All delegates choose a committee to serve on and have the opportunity to take leadership roles within the PCSA. Delegates establish new goals for the up coming year, discuss committee plans, and reassess progress made over the previous year. Committees meet virtually throughout the year to accomplish their goals.

PCSA LEADERSHIP ROLES

PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair

The PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair over see the delegation, run the Annual Business Meeting, and serve as liaisons between PCSA and ACerS.

PCSA Committee Chair

Each PCSA committee has a Chair who is responsible for organizing committee meetings, delegating tasks to committee members, and coordinating with the other Chairs.

PCSA Divisional Delegates

PCSA Divisional Delegates attend division meetings for an ACerS division and serve as liaisons for PCSA, engaging delegates with leaders in their field. Other leadership roles include liaisons to groups outside of PCSA and project based task force groups.



PCSA delegates collaborate at the 2024 Annual Business Meeting

PCSA COMMITTEES

Communications

- Manages social media accounts and helps advertise PCSA events
- Organizes the Day in the Life series on the PCSA social media and the Deciphering the Discipline column for the ACerS Bulletin monthly publication

Professional Development

- Creates networking opportunities
- Hosts webinar series and conferences symposiums

Education

- Implements outreach activities, expanding awareness of ceramics and glass fields
- Develops and offers educational tools to K-12 classrooms, such as the ACerS Materials Science Kits

Conference Programming and Competitions

- Organizes the Student Tour at MS&T
- Plans Shot Glass Competition at ICCAC, Humanitarian Pitch competition, and various virtual competitions

Recruitment and retention

- Expands the PCSA network of contacts
- Manages application process for new and returning delegates



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