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- Mickie Powell (Chair) (2028) Department of Biology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 35294 mpowell@uab.edu
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J. Jeffrey Morris.....	2023-24
Vinoy Thomas.....	2024 -25
Matthew Edwards.....	2025-26

Nominating:

- Current President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall serve as the presiding member.

Place and Date of Meeting: (5 members, staggered 5-yr terms)

- Kenneth Roblee (Chair) (2027) Dept. of Mathematics, Troy University, Troy, AL 36082 kroblee@troy.edu.
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- Larry Krannich, (2025) Department of Chemistry, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 35294, (205) 936-0823, krannich@uab.edu
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Elsa Price, (2030), Department of Natural and Physical Sciences, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL, Eprice@faulkner.edu

Research: (5 members with staggered 5-yr terms)

- Brian Burnes, Chair (2030) bburnes01@gmail.com
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- Vinoy Thomas, (2026) Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Alabama at Birmingham, (205) 975-4098, vthomas@uab.edu
- Lawrence Drummond, (2030) Department of Natural and Physical Sciences, Talladega College, Talladega, AL, 35160 ldrummond@talladega.edu

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