



National Organization for the Professional Advancement
of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers

On behalf of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCChE), I would like to go on record as endorsing Dr. Willie E. May, Director of Research and Special Initiatives at the University of Maryland, College Park for President-Elect of the American Chemical Society. Dr. May is a member of NOBCCChE and is also the recipient of the NOBCCChE's Dr. Percy L. Julian Distinguished (1992) and Henry Hill (2005) Awards

Dr. Willie E. May just recently stepped down as the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology after 45.5 years of public service. Prior to becoming the 15th NIST Director, he served as Associate NIST Director for Laboratory Programs and Founding Director of NIST's Material Measurement Laboratory which housed NIST's biology, chemistry and materials science activities. He is an accomplished technology executive, scientist, policy advocate, and mentor.

He brings excellent credentials for high-level oversight and direction for the American Chemical Society. He is honest, reliable, and willing to work diligently as president-elect. I believe Dr. Willie May is the person best qualified to be president-elect of the American Chemical Society.

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