

WHAT'S NEW FROM BREWING SUMMIT

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Greetings! For those able to attend the Brewing Summit meeting in San Diego, I hope that you found it beneficial and fun. I consistently find value in the annual ASBC meetings for both the solid scientific content presented during the meeting and the informal discussions had with colleagues. There has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the format and scientific content of the summit, but we know that there are always improvements that can be made. Please provide feedback by responding to the meeting survey.

For those of you not able to attend the summit, Past President Chris Powell led the ASBC business update during the opening session. Highlights from the update include an updated ASBC logo and website design, the announcement of multiple new publications to be released in 2019/2020, multiple updated and new methods in the ASBC MOA, an updated Lab Proficiency Program, and upcoming webinars and local area meetings (LABS Meetings). The ASBC will also be hosting a Joint Symposium with the American Society of Enology and Viticulture on Yeast and Fermented Beverage Flavor on April 24–26, 2019. The financial health of the ASBC is strong, with continued investment back to new member benefits and services. Make sure to check out the updated ASBC website when you have a chance and review the extensive list of benefits available to you as a member.

The *Journal of the ASBC* has a new editor-in-chief—Inge Russell. We have also moved to Taylor and Francis as our publishing partner. At the summit, the Editorial Board met to discuss ideas for continued improvement and growth of the journal—expect to continue to see new scientific work along with strong review articles.

The ASBC Research Council launched this year and funded four research projects for 2018–2019. The aim of the Research Council is to fund scientific projects related to the brewing and allied industries. We had 40 submissions, demonstrating a strong need to fund this type of research. Please visit the Research Council page on the ASBC website for more information including how to become a sponsor.

I want to recognize the work of all the volunteers who help make the ASBC a viable and strong organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me or any member of the ASBC Board of Directors or staff and we will be happy to put you to work.