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AOCS Announces Upcoming Retirement of Chief Science Officer, Richard Cantrill

URBANA, Ill (March 15, 2017) – After more than 20 years of service, Richard Cantrill has announced his retirement as Chief Science Officer of the American Oil Chemists’ Society (AOCS), effective July 1, 2017.

Richard joined AOCS in 1996, serving as the AOCS Technical Director. His primary responsibilities were managing uniform methods development, the laboratory proficiency program, and the chemist/laboratory certification. He also directed AOCS’s role with international harmonization of analytical methodology in fats, oils and related materials. In 2012, Richard was named Chief Science Officer, and his responsibilities were expanded to provide scientific support to other parts of the organization.

In September 2015, Richard and his wife, Val, moved to Nova Scotia, Canada to be closer to family.

“Richard’s contributions to the success of AOCS’s technical service group over the last two decades has been invaluable,” said AOCS President, Blake Hendrix. “His knowledge and experience in analytical chemistry is widely recognized and appreciated. The AOCS Governing Board expects to find a new chief science officer who will build upon Richard’s contributions to the organization.”

The Executive Committee of the AOCS Governing Board has established a search committee to manage the recruitment process for a new chief science officer. Additional information will be posted on the AOCS website. Inquiries about the position can be sent to personnel@aocs.org.