

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

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**243rd ACS NATIONAL MEETING
SAN DIEGO, CA
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GOVERNANCE

Election Results

- The following were selected as candidates for President-Elect, 2013: Thomas J. Barton, Luis A. Echegoyen, William A. Lester, Jr., and Barry M. Trost. Council selected Thomas J. Barton and Luis A. Echegoyen as candidates for 2013 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The following were selected as nominees to represent District I and District V on the Board of Directors for the term 2013-2015. District I included Barbara J. Garrison, Thomas R. Gilbert, Neil D. Jespersen, and Julianne M. D. Smist. District V included John E. Adams, Frank D. Blum, Peter K. Dorhout, and Frankie K. Wood-Black. By mail ballot, Thomas R. Gilbert and Neil D. Jespersen were elected as District I candidates and John E. Adams and Peter K. Dorhout as District V candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District I and District V for election of a Director from each District.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The following candidates were nominated for Directors-at-Large for a 2013-2015 term: Carol A. Duane, Valerie J. Kuck, Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor, and Ingrid Montes. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Committee Review

- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Project SEED. The Committee on Project SEED sets policy for all Project SEED programs, including review of Project SEED I and II program applications for student research projects, funding decisions, and Project SEED college scholarship applications.

The Society's Finances

- Total ACS revenue was \$472.0 million, up +1.8% over 2010. The Net from Operations was \$20.9 million, or \$7.7 million favorable to budget.

2013 Member Dues

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2013 at the fully escalated rate of \$151.

Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws

(For Action)

- The Council took action on two amendments (petitions) to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws: The Petition to Amend Recorded Vote Request Procedure and the Petition on Market Data Collection. The Council VOTED overwhelmingly to approve both petitions. The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petitions.

(For Consideration)

- The Council received two petitions for consideration: The Petition on Candidate Comment in C&EN and the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds. The Petition on Candidate Comment in C&EN seeks to restrict candidates for election to the Board of Directors from publishing comments in C&EN for a six-month period prior to the mailing of the election ballot. The Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds seeks to clarify that the Board of Directors may allocate funds to international chapters for specific purposes. The Council is expected to act on these two petitions at the fall Council meeting.

Member Statistics

- The Society ended 2011 with 164,215 members – the highest number in Society history. 24,249 new members were elected into the Society – 16,092 Regular Members and 8,157 Undergraduate Members.

Attendance Report

- As of March 28, 2012, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 16,921 registrants including 8,974 regular attendees and 5,742 students.

Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct

- The Council VOTED to approve the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Bassam Shakhshiri presented and moderated a discussion on "What is your reaction to the proposed topics for the ACS Climate Science Toolkit?" President Shakhshiri's working group on ACS Climate Science has developed a preliminary web-based toolkit that ACS members can use as a resource for understanding and communicating basic climate science.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions.

The Board's Committees

- The Committee on Grants and Awards presented the Board with a screened list of nominees for the 2013 Priestley Medal, Charles Lathrop Parsons Award, and the Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS. The Board VOTED to approve the screened lists, and will now vote on, and announce, the winners of these three awards after its June meeting. The Board also VOTED to approve a Society nominee for the National Medal of Science.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Executive Compensation, the Board VOTED to approve several actions relative to compensation for the Society's executive staff. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director/CEO Report

- The Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports updated the Board on the activities of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's General Counsel.

ACS vs. Leadscope Litigation

- The General Counsel report included a briefing on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. As previously reported, ACS has appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Court agreed to hear the case. Briefs have been filed in support of our position by several prestigious organizations, including the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association and the Ohio State Bar Association. On September 7, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case, and a link to the arguments can be found on acs.org.

Other Society Business

The Board received the following:

- a briefing on current virtual and hybrid meeting strategies using the Virtual Career Fair and Virtual Exposition;
- a report from the Committee on Professional Training-Committee on Education (CPT-SOCED) Task Force on the American Association of Medical Colleges and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute report *Scientific Foundations for Future Physicians* – wherein the CPT-SOCED task force is considering the implications of chemistry-related recommendations contained in the report;
- a report from the President-Elect on plans and priorities during her presidential year; and a discussion on presidential succession budgets - particularly in light of increasing international and domestic travel demands.

The Board approved:

- the 2015 Pacificchem budget and authorized reimbursement, on a pro rata basis, to the participating ACS Divisions for expenditures in support of the Pacificchem program and activities;

- changes to Board Regulations regarding the composition of the Planning Committee and the appointment of canvassing and award committees;
- a proposal to administer and present the AkzoNobel North American Science Award as recommended by the Committee on Grants and Awards; and
- proclamations recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the South African Chemical Institute and the 80th anniversary of the Chinese Chemical Society.

The Society's International Activities and its Open Session

The Board welcomed and received reports from several international guests representing the following scientific societies: the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the German Chemical Society, the Hungarian Chemical Society, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the Mexican Chemical Society, and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

A delegation of chemists from Iraq also attended various committee meetings in an effort to gather information needed for rebuilding a Chemical Society in Iraq.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following is a list of URLs presented on slides at the Council meeting.

Safety

safety@acs.org – email address for sharing ideas on “How can ACS best cultivate a culture of safety in US universities and colleges?”

www.acs.org/safety - information on the Committee on Chemical Safety including “Creating Safety Cultures in Academic Institutions”

Employment/Careers

www.acs.org/careers - information on ACS career resources

www.acs.org/ei - information on the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative (Training and Resources)

Local Section Resources

www.acs.org/getinvolved : grant information, important deadlines, officer resources

www.acs.org/forms: submit annual reports, record meetings, activities and events year round

speakers@acs.org: nominate speakers for the Online Speaker Directory

Other

www.acs.org/strategicplan - information on the new ACS Strategic Plan for 2012 and Beyond

www.acs.org/bulletin5: location of the Society's governing documents and unit bylaws, and information on the petition process to amend the Society's governing documents

bylaws@acs.org: email address for questions to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

www.acs.org/climatescience: information on the Climate Science Toolkit

Flotsam and Jetsam

President-elect Marinda Wu suggested in her report to Council that LS create “Job Clubs” to assist members who are not employed

<http://vimeo.com/36990661> a video has been produced to highlight the work and mission of the ACS

ACS Publications: a new member benefit for 2012 gives free access to 25 journal articles per year and 66% discount on additional articles purchased.

SERMACS, the Southeastern Regional ACS Meeting, will be held this year in Raleigh Nov. 14-17

In addition to Council duties, CNC-ACS Councilor Robert A. Yokley participated as a member of the Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI), Committee on Community Activities (CCA), and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED). ACS President Shakhshiri met with the CEI to discuss current issues with climate change and the preparation of an ACS tool kit to help members discuss various facets of climate change. The CEI was also visited by a delegation of scientists from Iraq seeking information and guidance on how to resume and rebuild their chemical society.

In addition to Council duties, CNC-ACS Councilor Tim D. Ballard participated as a member of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) and on the LSAC sub-committee on Local Sections Assistance and Development (LSAD). Highlights of interest follow:

- Local Section dues pool will be adjusted for 2013
- Speaker Directory needs more speakers
- FORMS Annual Report
 - In survey most users rated as Satisfied or greater
 - As of 3/24 176 AR complete, best in recent memory
 - 2012 FORMS available in Oct. but Events section available now.
- Grants
 - Bridging the Gap mini-grant: 13 approved for \$250 ea
 - IPG: 29 or 38 approved, 4 LS first-time grantees
- Member Retention Issue: 1-year only 54% (25-year 98%), in 2011 7000 members gained while 6000 members lost.