



## **Councilor Report - 247th ACS National Meeting Dallas, TX – March 16-20, 2014**

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The following edited summary is provided by ACS to help Councilors report to their local sections and divisions on key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2014 spring national meeting.

#### **ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

##### **Election Results**

- The following nominees were selected as candidates for President-Elect, 2015: Peter K. Dorhout, William A. Lester, Jr., Christopher K. Ober, and Henry F. Schaefer III. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Peter K. Dorhout** and **William A. Lester, Jr.** as **candidates for 2015 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- By mail ballot, the Councilors selected **Pat N. Confalone** and **Anne S. DeMasi** as **District III candidates**; and **Paul W. Jagodzinski** and **Lee H. Latimer** as **District VI candidates** for 2015-2017. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10, 2014 to all ACS members in District III and District VI for election of a Director from each District.

##### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2015-2017 term are Dawn A. Brooks, William F. Carroll, Jr., Barbara A. Sawrey, and Ellen B. Stechel. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10, 2014.

##### **Committee Continuance**

- The Council VOTED unanimously to continue the Committees on Chemical Safety, on Chemistry and Public Affairs, and on Minority Affairs. Continuation of these three committees requires Board concurrence.

##### **2015 Member Dues**

- The Council voted to set the member dues for 2015 at the fully escalated rate of \$158. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

##### **Divisional Allotment Formula**

- After voting to postpone its implementation by one year, the Council voted to approve a revised formula for allocating dues funds to divisions. This formula, which was presented by the Committee on Divisional Activities, will be effective with allocations for 2015 division performance.

### **Changes in Local Section Territory**

- On recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council voted to approve the petition from the North Jersey Section to include the area of the former Monmouth County Section in its territory, effective immediately.

### **New International Chemical Sciences Chapter**

- On recommendation of the Committee on International Activities and subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors, the Council voted to approve petitions to charter the South Korea International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Malaysia International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

## **COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS (Highlights)**

### **Society Committees**

#### **Budget and Finance (B&F)**

- In 2013, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$15.1 million, which was \$2.0 favorable to the budget. This represents the Society's tenth consecutive year of positive operating results. Total revenue was \$490.5 million, which was \$8.8 million (or 1.8%) lower than budget, and essentially flat when compared with 2012. The result was largely attributable to cost containment measures throughout the ACS. Unrestricted Net Assets rebounded in 2013, rising to \$207 million, and more than doubling from the 2012 level.

#### **Education (SOCED)**

- SOCED approved a pilot program to form ACS International Student Chapters.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Membership Affairs (MAC)**

- For 2014, MAC authorized an individual member test for India to allow for a \$52 full Member dues rate. At this meeting, MAC extended the test to include new and renewing members in India for three years.

#### **Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)**

- Findings from the ACS 2103 New Graduate Survey have been compiled and reveal troubling news: overall unemployment among new graduates rose from 12.6% in 2012 to 14.9% in 2013. This is primarily due to the high unemployment among recent Bachelors. New graduates must be at the top of our priority list for employment assistance in 2014.

#### **Meetings and Expositions (M&E)**

- The ACS spring national meeting attracted 13,680 registrants, including 6,853 regular attendees and 5,140 students. The meeting had 10,050 papers presented.
- The new ACS Mobile Application had over 6,000 downloads by meeting attendees.
- M&E voted to eliminate the author index in the hard program meeting program book beginning with the spring 2015 meeting. The searchable author index is now available via the mobile application and other electronic means.

#### **Divisional Activities (DAC)**

- Operating as a DAC subcommittee, the Multidisciplinary Planning Group is proposing the following 2017 national meeting themes to the divisions for their consideration:
  - Spring, San Francisco: *Advanced Materials, Technologies, Systems and Processes*
  - Fall, Washington, DC: *Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy*

#### **Local Section Activities (LSAC)**

- LSAC will initiate the process to dissolve the Ocean County Section as a result of the group's failure to meet the criteria to remain an active section.

#### **Other Committees**

##### **Chemical Safety (CCS)**

- CCS has published its first-ever Safety Alert concerning the Rainbow Demonstration, in *Chemical and Engineering News*, March 17, 2014. Copies were distributed to Councilors.

#### **Special Discussion Item**

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Tom Barton presented and moderated a discussion on "What can ACS do to increase the quality of science education in grades K-12? Following the presentation, 39 Councilors engaged in a robust discussion on the factors impacting the quality of K-12 science education in the U.S.

#### **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 and Working Groups**

- The Board VOTED to approve a Society nomination for the National Medal of Science, which is bestowed by the President of the United States to individuals in science and engineering who have made important contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the fields of behavioral and social sciences, biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics.

#### **The Executive Director/CEO Report**

- The Executive Director/CEO and her direct reports updated the Board on the following: ACS financial trends and near term outlook; the launch of the recently approved American Association of Chemistry Teachers, which will support K-12 teachers of chemistry by providing them with a professional home that addresses and is responsive to their needs; and the activities and plans of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) and the ACS Publications Division. As a follow-up to the Publications report, the Board VOTED to approve three journal editor re-appointments. The Board also VOTED to approve one appointment to the

ACS Green Chemistry Institute Governing Board and one reappointment to the ACS Governing Board for Publishing.

### **Other Society Business**

The Board also:

- Expressed its gratitude and thanks to Madeleine Jacobs, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, who on March 6 announced her plan to retire at the end of the year. The Board then began a discussion of the process and logistics of identifying and hiring her successor.
- Approved a resolution congratulating Robert Massie on his retirement at the end of this month for twenty-one years of successful leadership of the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS**

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses presented on slides at the Council meeting. You will find the information noted on these sites helpful.

[d.schmidt@acs.org](mailto:d.schmidt@acs.org), [president@acs.org](mailto:president@acs.org)

Contact information for ACS President-Elect Diane Grob Schmidt

[www.acs.org/earthday](http://www.acs.org/earthday)

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) 2014

Local Section Resources

[www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved)

Grant information, important deadlines and officer resources

### **COUNCILOR ROBERT A. YOKLEY SERVED THE CNC SECTION AND THE ACS IN THE FOLLOWING CAPACITIES:**

- Robert chaired the Communication/Outreach sub-committee of the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, Symbols, and Units (NTS). This group is in the process of preparing a special presentation to outline the functions of NTS to be given at selected committee and divisional meetings at the next ACS meeting in San Francisco.
- He also participated in an ad hoc committee to organize a symposium at the next national meeting in San Francisco on the new definitions of the Kilogram and Mole.
- He continued his participation as a liaison to the Committee on Community Activities (CCA) by attending National Chemistry Week (NCW) and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) meetings and authoring articles on aquifers and hard candy for the publication, Celebrating Chemistry.
- Robert participated in the Region II Caucus and the Council meeting.