

Report of Council Meeting Held on August 22, 2012 at the Grand Ballroom, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia, PA

The 244th National Meeting of the ACS was held in Philadelphia, PA, from August 19 – 23, 2012. The theme of this meeting was “Materials for Health and Medicine.” The Chicago section was represented by Cherlyn Bradley, Charles Cannon, David Crumrine, Herb Golinkin, Russell Johnson, Fran Kravitz, Avrom Litin, Barbara Moriarty and Susan Shih.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that the Society is expected to end 2012 with \$474.2 million in total expenses and \$491.6 million in total revenue. The Society is meeting four out of the five financial guidelines established by the Board. Programs funding requests were reapproved for the ACS Science Coaches program and the ACS Global Research Experiences, Exchanges, and Training Program (GREET). The Board of Directors voted on the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, to approve an advance member registration fee of \$370 for national meetings held in 2013.

Governance: The Council elected councilors to serve on the Committee on Committees, the Council Policy Committee and the Committee on Nominations. For the Committee on Committees, Spiro D. Alexandratos, G. Bryan Balazs, Dawn A. Brooks, Michelle V. Buchanan, Alan B. Cooper, Judith Currano and Ingrid Montes were elected. For the Council Policy Committee, Frank D. Blum, Mary K. Carroll, Lee H. Latimer, and Carolyn Ribes were elected. For the Committee on Nominations and Elections, Cherlynlaughn Bradley, Milagros Delgado, Carol B. Libby, Les W. McQuire and Donivan R. Porterfield were elected.

The Council also recognized the service of councilors, including Cherlynlaughn Bradley, who has represented the Chicago local section for 20 years. In addition, Charles Cannon was recognized as he has served the statutory limit on the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs.

The candidates for the fall 2012 ACS national election for President-Elect 2012 are Dr. Thomas J. Barton and Dr. Luis A. Echegoyen. Candidates for Division V Director are Dr. John E. Adams and Dr. Peter K. Dorhout. Candidates for Directors-at-Large, who are elected by Council are Ms. Carol A. Duane, Ms. Valerie J. Kuck, Ms. Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor and Dr. Ingrid Montes.

The council voted to establish a Joint Board-Council Committee on Senior Chemists whose mission is to enrich the educational, technical, and cultural lives of the ACS Membership by ministering to and employing the talents of senior ACS members. The committee is aimed primarily at members over 60 years of age.

Meetings and Expositions: As of August 22, 2012, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 13,320 registrants, including 7,817 regular attendees and 3,177 students. In addition, it was reported that the fall ACS meeting had 8157 papers presented.

Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs: The career fair at the meeting had 999 job seekers, 45 employers and 148 jobs posted. In addition, the virtual career fair had an additional 1499 job seekers for 41 jobs posted. The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) has unveiled six new workshops, as the ACS Career Pathways series. CEPA trained more than 40 volunteer facilitators and the workshops are now available for regional meetings and local sections.

Local Sections: The winners of the Awards for Outstanding local sections were announced. The California local section, along with San Diego, Lehigh Valley, Richland, Savannah River and Southwest Georgia local sections were recognized. Additional Awards were also presented to deserving local sections.

The Council VOTED 58% to 42% (via clicker vote) to shift two local sections in District II (Hampton Roads and Western Maryland) to District III to be in compliance with the Society's bylaws.

A proposal to calculate allotments for local sections for 2013 was removed from consideration.

Petitions: The Council received two petitions for action to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws. The Petition on Candidate Comment in C&EN sought to restrict candidates for election to the Board of Directors from

publishing comments in C&EN from May through the balloting period. The Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds sought to clarify that the Board of Directors may grant funds to international chapters for specific purposes. Neither petition was approved. A petition to Amend National Election Procedures seeks to shorten the campaign period for candidates for President-Elect is up for consideration at the next ACS national meeting.

Special Discussion Item: “What major efforts should ACS pursue to help alleviate water and other global challenges?” After a brief presentation by President Bassam Shakhashiri council engaged in a discussion on the question Many suggestions were expressed by councilors.

If you have any questions and/or comments about the above actions, please contact me or one of your other councilors. You may contact me by email (bmoriarty@nalco.com).

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