

**247<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting**  
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**Council Meeting Report**

by

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**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection 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.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select *candidates* from the list of *nominees* to serve as Directors from District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2015-2017. Nominees for District III included Dee Ann Castell, Pat N. Confalone, Anne S. DeMasi, and Kathryn E. Uhrich. Nominees for District VI included Allison A. Campbell, Paul W. Jagodzinski, Lee H. Latimer, and Eleanor D. Siebert. By mail ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected **Pat N. Confalone** and **Anne S. DeMasi** as **District III candidates**; and **Paul W. Jagodzinski** and **Lee H. Latimer** as **District VI candidates**. 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 Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2015-2017 term: 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**

- As part of a regular performance review, 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 million 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.

### **Standing Committees**

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

- Findings from the ACS 2013 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 degree chemists. New graduates must be at the top of our priority list for employment assistance in 2014.

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

- As of March 19, 2014, the ACS spring national meeting had 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 (New Jersey) Section as a result of the group's failure to meet the criteria to remain an active section.

### **Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)**

- In Fall 2013, C&B announced a new optional process for expedited bylaw reviews, offering limited customization but faster than the current three-month turnaround. C&B has now created a new, easier way for local sections and divisions to prepare bylaw revisions for C&B review. They are not as restrictive as those permitted through the expedited process. After a unit indicates its willingness to update its bylaws, C&B would then offer to create a first draft of proposed bylaws changes for consideration by the unit. Alternatively, the unit may still propose its own draft changes for C&B review.

### **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.

#### **Chemists with Disabilities (CWD)**

- The committee has updated and digitized its publication "*Teaching Chemistry to Students with Disabilities.*" It will be available in April 2014 and linked to the CWD website.

**Community Activities (CCA)**

- Copies of the publication *Celebrating Chemistry*, a product of the ACS Department of Volunteer Support in conjunction with CCA, were distributed to Councilors. Local Sections can order up to 750 copies of this publication for Chemists Celebrate Earth Day.

**Minority Affairs (CMA)**

- The committee reminded Councilors that the ACS Scholars Program is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 2015. The program has enabled 1,400 students to achieve university degrees in the chemical sciences. CMA will highlight accomplishments and successes of the Scholars Program throughout 2015.

**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.

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