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# Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

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## Actions of the Council

### Election Results

#### **Candidates for President-Elect, 2017**

- By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Peter K. Dorhout** and **Thomas R. Gilbert** as **candidates for 2017 President-Elect**.

#### **Candidates for Districts II and IV**

- By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected **George M. Bodner** and **Christina C. Bodurow** as **District II candidates**. Ballots will be distributed on September 29, 2016 to all ACS members in District II.

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

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2017-2019 terms: **Joseph A. Heppert, Kristin M. Omberg, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Kathleen M. Schulz**. 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 distributed to the Council on September 29, 2016.

### Other Council Actions

#### **2017 Member Dues**

- The Council voted to set the member dues for 2016 at the fully escalated rate of **\$166**. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

### Highlights from Committee Reports

#### ***Nominations and Elections***

N&E has established the Vote 20/20 Task Force, charged with examining all aspects of nominations and elections for ACS national offices, and designing an enhanced process to be in place by the year 2020. The committee welcomes ideas from all members as to how nominations and elections should be handled. Send comments to [vote2020@acs.org](mailto:vote2020@acs.org)

#### ***Budget and Finance***

In 2015, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$16.6 million, which was \$3.2 million favorable to budget. Total revenues were \$511.7 million, essentially on budget. Expenses ended the year at \$495.1 million, which was \$3.1 million or 0.6% favorable to budget. This variance was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the Society. The Society's

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financial position strengthened in 2015, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$144.7 million at December 31, 2014 to \$163.3 million at year-end 2015. Additional information can be found at [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org).

### **Membership**

As of December 31, the ACS membership was nearly 157,000, which is 0.96% less than on the same date in 2014. The number of new members who joined in 2015 is 25,000. The committee also reported that the number of international members has increased to 26,022. The international growth rate is 3.85%.

### **Early Member Registration Fee**

The Committee on Meetings and Expositions has recommended that the Early Member Registration Fee for the 2017 national meetings be \$440. The Board will vote on this recommendation later this year.

### **San Diego Meeting Attendance**

As of Tuesday evening, March 15:

Attendees	8398
Students	5979
Exhibitors	1094
Expo only	473
Guest	383
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,327</b>

### **Petitions to Amend Constitution and Bylaws**

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 4 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the fall 2016 meeting in Philadelphia. Contact C&B with any questions or requests for information at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org)

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## Actions of the Board of Directors

*The Board's Executive Session, March 11 - 12, 2016*

### **Board Development**

The Board sets aside substantial discussion time at each meeting for the most important strategic issues facing the Society.

### **Strategic Issues and Retreat**

The Board held a conversation focused on strengthening the process utilized for strategic issues discussions, and a discussion on timing and topics of a possible facilitated retreat for all Board members during 2016.

### **The Board's Committees**

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve an endowment to support the E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy.

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

Executive Director and CEO Thomas M. Connelly, Jr. discussed ACS membership programs, reviewed the Information Technology area, and offered personal reflections on his first year as Executive Director and CEO. His direct reports updated the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), the ACS Publications Division, the Office of the Treasurer and CFO, and the Society's Secretary and General Counsel.

### ***Presidential Succession***

President Donna Nelson highlighted presidential programming at the San Diego meeting on employment and diversity in the chemical sciences, and on organic chemistry education.

### ***The Board's Open Session***

The Board held a well-attended open session which featured Amy Harmon, a reporter for the New York Times, who covers the social implications of science and technology. Ms. Harmon's topic was "Telling Science Stories: Dispatch from the Conflict Zone."

### ***Contact the Board***

Your Board of Directors is elected by and acts in the best interests of the members of our Society. Please contact them with your comments, concerns, ideas, and suggestions at [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org).

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

The following is a list of URLs or email addresses presented in reports or on slides at the Council meeting.

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Career Navigator	<a href="http://www.acs.org/careernavigator">www.acs.org/careernavigator</a>
Chemists with Disabilities	<a href="http://www.acs.org/cwd">www.acs.org/cwd</a>
Committee on Education	<a href="http://chemidp.org">chemidp.org</a>
Committee Preference Forms	<a href="https://www.yellowbook.acs.org">https://www.yellowbook.acs.org</a>
ConC Subcommittee on Diversity	<a href="http://www.acs.org/conc">www.acs.org/conc</a> → Committee Information
Constitution and Bylaws	<a href="mailto:bylaws@acs.org">bylaws@acs.org</a> / <a href="http://www.acs.org/bulletin5">www.acs.org/bulletin5</a>
Highlights of ACS Achievements	<a href="http://www.acs.org/acshighlights2015">www.acs.org/acshighlights2015</a>
Local Section Activities	<a href="http://www.acs.org/getinvolved">www.acs.org/getinvolved</a>
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Online Information for Councilors

<http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/councilors.html>

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The Virginia Section Councilors: