



**COUNCILOR TALKING POINTS AND  
SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS  
247<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Dallas, Texas  
March 16-20, 2014**

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Peter K. Dorhout** and **William A. Lester, Jr.** as **candidates for 2015 President-Elect**.
- 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**.

**Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2015-2017 term will be votes on in the fall: Dawn A. Brooks, William F. Carroll, Jr., Barbara A. Sawrey, and Ellen B. Stechel.

**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.

**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**

**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. .

**Education (SOCED)**

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

**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 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 this morning (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.

**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 would 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.

**Chemical Safety (CCS)**

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

**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.

**Minority Affairs (CMA)**

- 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.

**Special Discussion Item**

- 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**

### **The Board's Committees and Working Groups**

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, 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 Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.
- The working group on Society Program Portfolio Management briefed the Board on its activities. The working group was charged with delivering a process for portfolio management of Society programs in the divisions of Membership and Scientific Advancement, Education, and the Office of the Secretary and General Counsel (Office of Public Affairs).
- The Board held a discussion on operational issues relating to virtual versus face-to-face committee meetings, the appropriate detail and format of information presented to the Board and committee members, and the proper length of committee meetings.

### **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.

### **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.
- Received reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for the remainder of 2014 and 2015.
- 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).

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

- The Board held a lively, well-attended open session which featured a special forum focused on the question: "What is the one thing you like that ACS does, and why?" Members attending the session also received a brief review of the questions posed at the spring 2013 Board Open Session in New Orleans and the follow-ups undertaken by governance and staff. Board members continue to be pleased by the new format, turnout and quality of the discussions.

## Virginia Councilor Activities:

**Kristine Smetana**-continues to serve on the Society for the Committee on Education (SOCED). She is on working groups with the WCC focusing on women in non-tenured positions, Working Group on Sustainability with the Green Chemistry and Committee for Environmental Improvement. She is currently on a task force through SOCED regarding the statement for Hands on laboratories.. She attended the Student Affiliate Awards evening and presented awards. She attended the reception to salute all local section volunteers. She is part of the new mentorship program for councilors and her mentor is Katie Hunt, Past ACS President.

**Ann Sullivan** - Continues to serve on the Local Sections Activities Committee (LSAC) and its Technology, Tools and Operations Subcommittee. LSAC reviews all annual reports and maintains communication with local section officers. Mini grants of \$250 or more are available for planning a Science Café or allow a Local Sections to engage in strategic planning. LSAC is recommending that sections apply for their many grant opportunities and perhaps add committees on Project Seed, YCC and Senior Chemist. She attended the reception to salute all local section volunteers.

**Linette Watkins** - Organized two symposia in Dallas, one on Women chemists of color in industry and one in organizing and administrating NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) programs. I attended the Research Corporation and Diversity receptions. Attended the women chemists of color mentoring reception and the NSF REU leadership group meeting. Worked with undergraduate programming to bring more workshops and programming for undergraduates to the San Francisco meeting. Attended the division of professional relation executive committee meeting and local section volunteer reception.

**Janet Asper, Alternate councilor** – attended the Dallas meeting and the Committee on Community Activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She continues to serve on the Theme team.

### **Joe Crocket, Alternate councilor**

Prior to the Dallas meeting I participated in the online training for new councilors. At the Dallas meeting I attended the new councilor orientation session on Saturday night, the open meeting of the Committee on Ethics on Sunday morning, and the open meeting of the Committee on Chemical Safety on Monday morning.

### **Will Lewis, Alternate councilor**