

COUNCILOR TALKING POINTS
SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS

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The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their local sections and divisions on key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2011 spring national meeting.

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, 2012: Judith L. Benham, Dennis Chamot, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Marinda Li Wu. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 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 represent District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2012-2014. Nominees for District III included Susan B. Butts, Pat N. Confalone, David J. Lohse, and Judith A. Summers-Gates. Nominees for District VI included G. Bryan Balazs, Bonnie A. Charpentier, Carlos G. Gutierrez, and Victor J. Hruby. By mail ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Pat N. Confalone and David J. Lohse as District III candidates; and Bonnie A. Charpentier and Carlos G. Gutierrez as District VI candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all 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 2012-2014 term: Ken B. Anderson, William F. Carroll, Jr., Charles E. Kolb, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Change in Committee Charge

- The Council VOTED to amend the charter of the Committee on Technician Affairs to include updated terminology.

The Society's Finances

- In spite of the economic challenges faced in 2010, the Society's operating performance held up remarkably well. Total revenue was \$463.7 million, up +0.8% from 2009, and \$2.4 million (+0.5%) higher than the 2010 budget. The Net from Operations was \$23.8 million, or \$11.9 million favorable to budget. This resulted largely from cost containment initiatives and lower-than-budgeted salaries and fringe benefits.

2012 Member Dues

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2012 at the fully escalated rate of \$148. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws

(For Consideration)

- The Council received one petition for consideration: The Petition on Position Statements. The Petition on Position Statements seeks to assure that the Board of Directors has primacy in issuing position statements that establish policy for the full Society and that Society bodies other than the Board may issue statements on issues that fall solely in their jurisdiction so long as they do not impair other Society bodies' ability to do the same. Action is expected on this petition at the fall Council meeting.

Local Section Name Change and Grant Deadlines

- The Council VOTED to change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section. This name change is due to the recent merger of the North Central Oklahoma Section and its territories into the Northeast Oklahoma Section. The proposed name change more closely reflects the combined territories of the two Sections.
- The Council was reminded of grant deadlines from the Committee on Local Section Activities as follows:
 - Science Café Grants – Ongoing
 - Bridging the Gap: Student Member Grant – December 1
 - Bridging the Gap: IYC Grant – June 1
 - Innovative Project Grants – June 30
 - Joint LSAC/IAC International Interaction Grant – TBA

Division Allotment Calculator

- The Council VOTED to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to divisions.

Member Statistics

- Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111.

Attendance Report

- As of March 30, 2011, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 14,047 registrants as follows: Regular attendees, 7,336; Students, 4,682; Exhibitors, 1,097; Exposition only, 599; and Guests, 333.

Petition to Charter New International Chemical Sciences Chapters

- The Council VOTED to authorize the formation of the following two new international chemical sciences chapters: the Shanghai International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Thailand International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board's Committees, Advisory Boards and Working Groups

The Board of Directors received reports from the Committees on Professional & Member Relations (P&MR), Grants and Awards (G&A), and Planning, along with its Executive Committee.

The Committee on Grants and Awards presented the Board with a screened list of nominees for the 2012 Priestley Medal and the 2012 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS. The Board VOTED to approve the screened lists, and will now vote on, and announce, the winners of these two awards after its June meeting. On the recommendation of G&A, the Board VOTED that Regulation III, Section 13, paragraph 2 (and related language) be removed from the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations (Bulletin 5) of the American Chemical Society, because effective January 1, 2011, the ACS Petroleum Research Fund no longer provides a 1% allocation to the ACS Green Chemistry Institute[®].

The Chair briefed the Board on items arising from the Executive Committee meeting, including agreement of the Board's role at the Leadership Institute and attendance at various other conferences and events.

On the recommendation of the Board Logistics and Training group, the Board agreed to change the group's name to the Board Operations and Technology Team. Several topics were presented with regard to improving the effectiveness of Board operations.

The Board received a thorough report from the Presidential Task Force on Innovation in the Chemical Enterprise: New Technologies for the Society, New Jobs for Chemists. The Board heard the task force report recommendations on how ACS could help entrepreneurs create U.S. jobs for chemists. The Board reached consensus in support of the next steps outlined by the task force. The recommendations from this report will be sent to all Councilors.

Strategic Issue: ACS Worldwide Strategy

At this meeting, the Board continued its discussion of a Society Worldwide strategy as a follow-up to the strategic issues retreat in January, and is also involving the Planning Committee in a more thorough review to engage other members and stakeholders in these discussions. The Board plans to wrap up its ACS Worldwide strategy discussions by year-end.

Plan for a Financial Planning Conference

Every three to five years, the Board, with the Committee on Budget and Finance, holds a conference to discuss in greater detail the Society's finances and its financial objectives. In Anaheim, the Board was briefed on the preliminary plans and desired outcomes for the 2011 Financial Planning Conference, to be held in June. The theme for this conference is "Ensuring the Society's Financial Sustainability and Growth in a Period of Extraordinary Change."

The Executive Director/CEO Report

The Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports updated the Board on the activities of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's General Counsel. The General Counsel report included an update on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. ACS's appeal, which is supported by several prominent Ohio organizations and the Ohio Attorney General, has been accepted by the Ohio Supreme Court, and is under review by that body. As a follow-up to the Publications report, the Board VOTED to approve three editor reappointments to ACS journals.

Compensation of Society Executive Staff

The Board received a report from its Committee on Executive Compensation and VOTED to approve several actions relative to compensation for the Society's Executive staff. The compensation of the Society's Executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

Other Society Issues

The Board received a report from the President-Elect on plans and priorities during his presidential year. The Board also reviewed and discussed the presidential succession budget - particularly in light of increasing international and domestic travel demands.

The Board VOTED to ratify several consent actions taken since its December meeting, including editor appointments, an appointment to the Board Committee on Executive Compensation, and a reappointment to the Governing Board for Publishing.

The Society's International Activities

The American Chemical Society and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (a federation of 28 chemical societies of countries and territories in the Asia Pacific) agreed to a three-year collaboration alliance characterized by mutual benefits, impact, and commitment to cooperation in service to chemical scientists, engineers and professionals represented by the respective organizations. The signing of this memorandum of understanding took place during a special ceremony at the Board's regular session.

The Board also received reports from several international guests representing the following scientific societies: the Chemical Society for Canada, the Latin American Federation of Chemical Associations, the German Chemical Society, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the Mexican Chemical Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies.