

COUNCILOR REPORT

234th ACS NATIONAL MEETING

BOSTON, MA, 19-23 AUGUST 2007

Divisional Activities Committee- The Committee met on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 of August. Kevin Edgar was Chair. Among the items on the Agenda were:

1. Three valid petitions to amend the ACS Constitution and/or Bylaws up for consideration. These will be discussed in the account of the Council Meeting.
2. A request from the Division of Chemical Technicians for input regarding a name change for the Division.
3. A petition from the Catalysis Secretariat to become the Division of Catalysis Science and Technology. Approved.
4. Review of 2006 Annual Reports.
5. Governance Action Team Report
6. Subcommittee Reports: Meetings, Divisional Enhancement, Constitution and Bylaws, and Annual Reports.
7. Reports from Liaisons to other committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Local Section Activities, Membership Affairs, and Meetings and Expositions.
8. Progress of the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group.

Town Hall Meeting- Sunday, 4:45 pm. An opportunity to see and hear the four candidates for 2008-2010 Director-At-Large: Janan M. Hayes, Bonnie A. Lawlor, Kent J. Vorhees, and Frankie K. Wood-Black. Two will be chosen by vote of the Councilors in October.

District IV Councilors Caucus- Sunday, 6:00 pm. Mainly concerned with items 1,2, and 3.

Executive Committee, Division of Professional Relations- Monday, 5:30-7:00 pm. The Nominating Committee announced the following slate of candidates for the 2007 Divisional election:

For Chair-Elect: Keith Vitense and Adam Myers
For Secretary: Allison Aldridge and Peter M. Smith
For Member-At-Large: Barbara Moriarty, David Katz, David Ball, Joseph Stoner, Daniel Libby, and Lisa Balbes.

Lisa Balbes is the new Editor of the DPR Newsletter.

Progress is being made in setting up five subdivisions: Chemists with Disabilities, Ethics, Minority Affairs, Women Chemists, and Younger Chemists.

The Henry A. Hill Awards- Tuesday, 4:30 pm, at a Reception, two Henry A. Hill Awards were presented. The first went to Howard M. Peters of the Division of Chemistry and the Law and the Santa Clara Valley Local Section, and a member of the Board of Directors. The second went to Ted and Arlene Light of the Northeastern Local Section and long-time stalwarts of the Employment Clearing House at National Meetings.

THE COUNCIL - President Catherine T. Hunt called the Council Meeting to order at 8:00 am on Wednesday, 22 August 2007.

In the following account, passages appearing in quotation marks are taken from the document: **Councilor Talking Points, Summary of Governance Actions/Reports** provided post meeting by Flint Lewis and his staff.

Election Results- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council twelve nominees for the Committee on Committees. By written ballot, Council elected: Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Larry K. Krannich, and Will E. Lynch for the 2008-10 term; and Roland F. Hirsch for the remainder of a 2006-08 term.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council ten nominees for the Council Policy Committee. By written ballot, Council elected: Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes and Kathleen M. Schulz for the 2008-10 term; and Peter J. Stang for the remainder of a 2006-08 term.

The Council Policy Committee presented to the Council ten nominees for the Committee on Nominations and Elections. By written ballot, Council elected: Frank D. Blum, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Arlene M. Sarquis, and Pamela J. Shapiro.

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors- The candidates for the fall 2007 ACS national election are:

President-Elect 2008

Thomas H. Lane, Dow Corning Corporation, Midland, MI
Howard M. Peters, Peters, Verny, LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Directors-at-Large- 2008-2010

Janan M. Hayes, (Retired) Merced College, Merced, CA
Bonnie A. Lawlor, NFAIS, Philadelphia, PA
Kent J. Vorhees, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO
Frankie K. Wood-Black, Trihydro Corporation, Ponca City, OK

Director, District II 2008-2010

Joseph R. (Joe) Peterson, (Retired) University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
Diane Grob Schmidt, The Proctor & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

Director, District IV

Eric C. Bigham, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC
Gregory H. Robinson, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Petitions to Amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws

(For Action) Petition on Local Section Affiliates. It is a “housekeeping” amendment. This petition seeks to amend the Bylaws to assign the responsibility for approving Local Section affiliations to the Local Section Activities Committee. Passed by voice vote.

(For Consideration) Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director. This petition seeks to amend the Bylaws to avoid the complications and expense of run-off elections by moving to a preferential ballot. This would also make election procedures more uniform. This will be an Action item in New Orleans.

(For Consideration) Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures. This petition seeks to amend the Bylaws to provide options other than run-off elections for resolving tie

votes in Local Section and Division elections. While well-intended, the petition is problematic. It provides multiple options but does not give them a preferential ranking. Neither does it say who is to choose the option. It needs to be withdrawn/recommitted and rewritten. It is scheduled for Action in New Orleans.

(For Consideration) Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements. This petition seeks to amend both the Constitution and the Bylaws as part of a comprehensive revision of the qualifications required for membership and for affiliate status in the SOCIETY. The student affiliate category would disappear and be replaced by Student Members. There would still be Local Section, Division, and SOCIETY affiliates. Action is scheduled for the New Orleans meeting.

Reports of Officers

Executive Director- “The newly reinvented ACS website, scheduled to launch September 30, will feature a unifying global navigation and dramatically improved user experience. The new url is www.acs.org; users who have bookmarked www.chemistry.org will be forwarded to the new site.

Reports of Elected Committees of the Council

Council Policy Committee- The committee “received a report on the activities of the Governance Review Task Force, specifically those related to the Summit on ACS Committee Structure held in July 2007. As a follow-up to this review, CPC was informed of several Recommendations to be directed to the Committee on Committees, the Board of Directors, the Council Policy Committee, and to other specific committees. Recognizing its work as completed, the Council Policy Committee voted to discharge the Governance Review Task Force, with thanks, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Committee on Committees- “Council voted to continue the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols”.

“The Council also voted to support the request of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities that its status be changed from an “other committee” of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee”.

The Council voted to change the meaning of the term SEED in the Committee on Project SEED from “Summer Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged” to “Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged”. The acronym remains the same.

The Committee recognized 38 committee members and 7 committee chairs who will have served the statutory limit of service. The Committee recognized Council members for years of service. There were 21 with fifteen years, 3 with twenty years, 5 with twenty-five years, 4 with thirty years, 2 with thirty-five years, and 1 with forty years. Space precludes the full listing, but a partial list follows:

Twenty-five years: David J. Burton, Peter C. Jurs, Roger A. Parker, John F. Riley, James A. Walsh

Thirty years: Donald D. Clarke, Dean W. Cooke, Seymour H. Patinkin, Charles P. Rader

Thirty-five years: Gordon L. Nelson, Attila E. Pavlath

Forty years: Ernest L. Eliel

Reports of Council Standing Committees

Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs- “The committee submitted its latest

version of the Academic Professional Guidelines for consideration. These guidelines apply to those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry. The Council will vote on the Academic Professional Guidelines at the 2008 meeting in New Orleans”.

Committee on Local Section Activities- The winners for outstanding Local Sections in the various size categories are as follows: Very Large, New Jersey; Large, Minnesota; Medium, Indiana; Small, Pensacola.

Committee on Meetings and Expositions- “As of August 21, 2007, the ACS fall national Meeting had attracted 15,344 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular Attendees 8,792; Students 3,518; Guests 574; Exhibit only 784; and Exhibitors 1,676. In the Exhibition there were 324 exhibitors using 509 booths”.

In response to a survey taken after the spring meeting in Chicago, the committee voted to move the 2011 meeting originally scheduled for Chicago to Denver. Similarly, the fall 2012 Meeting will be moved from New York to Philadelphia. Distribution to all councilors of an Executive Summary of the survey was planned. Clearly the Chicago contingent were incensed by the loss of the 2011 meeting, especially since they had not been included in the survey, and were quite vocal in their protests. Members of the Chicago Section moved that the full results of the survey rather than a summary be sent to councilors. The motion passed by voice vote.

Committee on Membership Affairs- “The committee approved an increase of ten dollars for the 2008 national meetings advanced registration fee”.

The dues for Society Affiliates will be increased to the level for full members.

The committee “reported that as of July 2007, the ACS total membership is 1,100 ahead of that at the same date last year, and the number of unpaid members is 295 less than that at the same date last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James A. Walsh, Councilor
8 September 2007