

## COUNCILOR REPORT

### ACS NATIONAL MEETING

Washington, DC, 28 August – 1 September 2005

**JOINT DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE/ LOCAL SECTION ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERACTIONS.** The joint subcommittee finalized its Mission Statement as follows:

The LSAC/DAC Joint Subcommittee will encourage and promote collaborative interactions between local sections and divisions. The subcommittee will recognize and reward exemplary programs that are joint activities between local sections and divisions.

The subcommittee will have a web page and update it twice a year. I was appointed to the subcommittee for content. We shall be drafting Guidelines for the Joint Local Section-Division Award and we shall begin canvassing for nominations.

In a separate item, the subcommittee calls for the return of the Bluebook, in electronic form as a searchable spreadsheet.

**DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.** This committee recognizes three powerful external forces acting on DAC. They are Information Technology, Multidisciplinarity, and Competition. These will require the scientific and professional member divisions to adapt. Previously, the Divisions were structured along functional and historical lines. The delivery of content has been largely unchanged in decades and makes little use of modern communication technologies. DAC has been largely a reactive data compiler. The new vision for the ACS has Divisions working across the ACS, and across scientific societies to create more value for more ACS members, and others who use chemistry. Divisions will supplement information consumption beyond national meetings through expanded use of electronic information delivery systems. DAC must actively manage the ACS Divisional Structure. They will do this by taking a critical, detailed view of the structure/process by which content is created and delivered. DAC will work to remove barriers preventing innovative division endeavors, to help Divisions form alliances with internal and external organizations, and to minimize mundane, administrative tasks that distract Divisions and DAC from their core mission. The blueprint for achieving the DAC vision will require: revising the charter for DAC, developing mechanisms to identify, select, and organize multidisciplinary themes for focus at national meetings, and developing P2C2 type meetings for longer range programming needs. In facilitating, but not driving, the program, DAC can offer: common location, consecutive times, a waiver of the even-programming requirements, financial incentives, and support from DAC subcommittees. In a real sense, we are moving toward the establishment of transient, virtual Secretariats. This does raise the question of what is to become of the existing Secretariats?

Suggested themes for the Atlanta Meeting, 26-30 March 2006:

- Safety, Security, and Sustainability
- Energy
- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- Chemistry for Agriculture and Food
- Education and Professional Development

It was announced that Dwight Chasar will return to Chair DAC in 2006. John C. Katz will be Staff Liaison.

## **SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS**

Mr. Flint H. Lewis, Secretary of the Society, provided some of the Councilor Talking Points that follow.

### **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **The Board's Committees and Task Forces**

The Board, through its Committee on Grants and Awards, approved the following: nominees for both the 2006 Perkin and Othmer Gold Medals; actions relative to pilot programs for the Petroleum Research Fund; Continuation of the Fund's 1% distribution to the Green Chemistry Institute; and approval of a new national award, the ACS Award for Achievement in Research for the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry, sponsored by Prentice Hall Publishers.

On the recommendation of the Board Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, the Board voted to designate the development of Rumford Baking Powder as a national historical chemical landmark.

The Board approved actions resulting from the Member Satisfaction Survey, and from the Board Presidential Task Force on Multidisciplinarity as prioritized by the Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR). The Board also authorized P&MR to develop, or ensure the development of, action plans for implementation of the task force recommendations in coordination with other appropriate Society entities.

The Board also received a status report on the activities of the Joint Board-Council Policy Committee Task Force on Governance Review. This task force is charged with conducting a review of the Society's governance structure and Constitution and Bylaws to ensure that the Society has a governing framework to enable it to best fulfill its mission, meet member needs, and remain a world-class organization.

#### **The Society's Promotion of Diversity**

The Board received reports from both the Committee on Professional Training (CPT) and the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA). CPT briefed the Board on recent training workshops relative to historically black colleges and universities and other African American-serving Institutions; and CMA overviewed activities of the ACS Scholars Program. The Board voted to continue the Scholars Program through 2010.

#### **The Society's Publications**

The Board voted to approve the reappointment of several of its journal editors.

#### **The Society's Staff**

The Board received a report from the Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports on the activities of the Publications Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, and the Society's General Counsel. The Board also reviewed and approved recommendations from the Committee on Executive Compensation on compensation for the Society's executive staff. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

### **ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

#### **Presidential Announcement**

With the volunteer efforts of members of the Division of Chemistry and the Law, The Society is

establishing a chemical legal assistance network.

## **Election Results**

### **To the Committee on Committees (CONC) for the 2006-2008 term:**

Cherlynlavaughn Bradley  
William H. Breazeale, Jr.  
Peter K. Dorhout  
Mamie W. Moy  
Connie J. Murphy

### **To the Council Policy Committee (CPC) for the 2006-2008 term:**

R. Gerald Bass  
Martha L. Casey  
Janan M. Hayes  
Valerie J. Kuck  
Bonnie Lawlor

### **To the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) for the 2006-2008 term:**

Steven A. Fleming  
Michelle M. Francl  
Peter C. Jurs  
Roger A. Parker  
Sara J. Risch

## **Candidates for President-Elect and the Board of Directors**

The Council was informed that John W. Kozarich had withdrawn as a candidate for President-Elect. The candidates for the fall 2005 ACS national election were announced as:

### **President-Elect 2006**

George E. Heinze, Rockland Technimed, Ltd., New York  
Catherine T. Hunt, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania

### **Directors-at-Large – 2006-2008**

James D. Burke, Retired, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania  
Edwin A. Chandross, Materials Chemistry, LLC, New Jersey  
C. Gordon McCarty, Retired, Bayer Corporation; Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina  
Frankie K. Wood-Black, Conoco Phillips, Texas

### **Director, District III 2006-2008**

Catherine C. Fenselau, University of Maryland  
Madeleine M. Joullie, University of Pennsylvania

### **Director, District VI 2006-2008**

Bonnie A Carpentier, Genitope Corporation, California  
Stanley H. Pine, California State University

## **Petition Withdrawn**

The Committee on Nominations and Elections withdrew its petition on election procedures prior to the Spring national meeting. The action was to allow the committee to discuss further the issues raised by

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and to solicit additional input from councilors and other Members. The withdrawn petition appeared in the agenda for information only.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

The probable 2005 Year-end results were reported. A net contribution to reserves of \$5.6 million is expected. This represents a \$3.0 million favorable budget variance. The budget is in full compliance with the Board Financial Guidelines.

In other actions, the Committee (1) conducted a review of indirect costs, (2) approved 200 new funding requests for (a) a two-year pilot program for ACS High School Chemistry Clubs, (b) International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), (c) a Leadership Development Program to deliver a pool of capable, effective, and motivated leaders for volunteer roles throughout the Society, and (d) a renewal of funding for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, (3) continued a review of Society Programs, and (4) approved funding for a complete reinvention of the ACS Web Presence.

### **Registration Report and 2006 National Meeting Registration Fee**

As of 30 August 2005, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 13,040 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 7,584; Students 2,715; Guests 478; Exhibit only 468; and Exhibitors 1,795. The 2006 national meeting registration fee of \$305 was announced.

### **Membership Statistics**

The Council was informed that as of 31 July 2005, total ACS membership was 155,567. This is an Increase of 282 over the end of July 2004.

### **Economic and Professional Affairs**

Unemployment in Chemistry has declined from 3.6% to 3.1%. At this meeting, 1917 job seekers participated in 1676 interviews for 289 positions posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James A. Walsh, Councilor