

Report of Council Meeting Held on March 16, 2005 at the Marina Ballroom in the San Diego Marriott Hotel in San Diego, CA

The 229th National Meeting of the ACS was held in San Diego, CA from March 13 – 17, 2005. The Chicago section was fully represented by 14 councilors. The councilors who attended for the section were: Allison Aldridge, Roy Bible, Cherlyn Bradley, Charles E. Cannon, David Crumrine, Nathaniel L. Gilham, Russell W. Johnson, Fran K. Kravitz, Thomas J. Kucera, Claude A. Lucchesi, Barbara E. Moriarty, Seymour H. Patinkin, Marsha Anne Phillips and Stephen Sichak. Jim Shoffner was also present at the meeting.

Budget: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that the Society ended 2004 with a net contribution from operations of \$5,099,000 on revenues of \$419,200,000 and expenses of \$414,700,000. This was \$3,628,000 favorable to the approved budget. After including the results of selling the Belmont Conference Center, recorded as a discontinued operation, and the Member Insurance Program, the Society's overall net contribution for 2004 was \$4,465,000, which was \$3,229,000 favorable to the approved budget.

The Council voted to set the member dues for 2006 at the fully escalated rate of \$127. However, the Board reviewed the temporary assessment for 2006 and, in light of the Society's strong financial performance, voted to reduce it to \$5, rather than proceeding with the scheduled \$6 assessment.

Governance: At the Spring meeting, Council chooses the candidates who will run for the office of President-Elect for 2006. The Council selected Catherine T. Hunt and John W. Kozarich as candidates for 2006 President-Elect. They join George E. Heinze, who was certified as a petition candidate for 2006 President-Elect.

Membership Affairs: Membership in the American Chemical Society was 158,127 as of year-end 2004. Compared to the previous year, this represents less than a 1% decrease. In 2004, more than 13,000 new members were added to the membership rolls.

Meetings and Expositions: The 229th ACS national meeting attracted 15,385 registrants as of March 15, 2005. The meeting had the most student members in attendance (4,160 students attended); this represents more than 1000 more than in Philadelphia. Regional meetings held in 2004 attracted more than 6000 attendees, with 3581 abstracts.

Economic and Professional Affairs: As of the end of Tuesday, there were 1344 job seekers at Chemjobs Career Center and 189 posted positions available. The number of interviews conducted in San Diego, as of the end of Tuesday, was 1410. In addition, there were 32 workshops held.

Constitution and Bylaws: The Council voted to establish a Committee on Ethics as an Other Committee of the Council. The charge of this committee would be as follows: To coordinate the ethics-related activities of the Society, serve as an educational resource and clearinghouse, but not as an adjudication body, for ACS members seeking guidance on ethics issues; raise awareness of ethics issues through meeting programming and columns/editorials; review recognition opportunities for acknowledging ethical behavior; and to develop and oversee such other ethics-related activities as will serve ACS members and promote the Society's standards of ethical conduct within the profession of chemistry and its related disciplines.

Special Discussion Topic - Enterprise 2015: Bill Carroll's presidential agenda for 2005 is Chemistry Enterprise 2015. A white paper on the Chemical Enterprise 2015 is available on the web. (See the ACS website for the report.) As part of this discussion, the Council discussed the topic "Enterprise 2015: Where will our students come from in the next ten years, and where will they go?" The issue was framed as follows: Currently the U.S. has a strong university system and U.S. graduate education in science is widely recognized as the best in the world, but problems loom on the horizon, especially when we consider K-12 education. The discussion at Council was lively and served to intensify awareness of this issue and provide

some ideas -for solutions. One idea presented was that the ACS could be a phenomenal resource that should be used. For instance, it was suggested to leverage our local section activities using the web presence of the ACS.

If you have any questions and/or comments about the above actions, please contact me by email (bmoriarty@nalco.com) or one of the other councilors.

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