

Report of Council Meeting Held on April 9, 2008 at the Grand Ballroom in the New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana

The 235th National Meeting of the ACS was held in New Orleans, Louisiana from April 6 – 10, 2008. The Chicago Section was represented by eleven councilors and two alternate councilors. The councilors who attended for the Section were: Cherlyn Bradley (Committee on Committees), Charles Cannon (Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs), Mark Cesa (Committee on Chemical Safety, Committee on Science), David Crumrine (Committee on Chemical Safety), Herb Golinkin, Russell Johnson (Committee on Public Relations and Communications), Fran Kravitz (Committee on Project Seed), Milt Levenberg (Committee on Public Relations and Communications), Claude Lucchesi (Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs), Barbara Moriarty (Divisional Activities Committee, Committee on Science) and Susan Shih. The alternate councilors representing the section were Inessa Gorelik and Keith Kostecka. I have also listed national committee assignments, for your information.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that the Society ended 2007 with a net contribution from operations of \$9.6 million, on revenues of \$444.2 million and expenses of \$434.6 million, which was \$2.2 million favorable to the approved budget. In addition, the Society ended 2007 in full compliance with the Board-established financial guidelines. The Council voted to set dues for 2009 at \$140.

Governance: The Council selected Joseph S. Francisco (Purdue) and Josef Michl (Colorado) as candidates for 2009 President-Elect. These two candidates will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Local Sections: The Council VOTED to change the name of the University of Kansas Local Section to the Wakarusa Valley Local Section

Meetings and Expositions: As of April 9, 2008, the 235th ACS national meeting had attracted 13,302 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 6,681; Students 4,659; Exhibitors 1,156; Exposition only 374; and Guests 432.

Economic and Professional Affairs: As of the end of Tuesday, there were 936 job seekers at the ACS Career Fair and 807 posted positions available from 104 employers. The Council VOTED to approve the Academic Professional Guidelines.

Membership: At the end of 2007, membership in the ACS was reported to be 160,052. In 2007, there were 16,533 new member applications, the second highest number of new applications.

Petitions: The Council received three amendments to the ACS Bylaws (Petitions) for action. The results of Council deliberations on the three petitions are given below

- The Council approved the Petition on Election Procedures for President Elect and District Director to make the balloting procedure more uniform and to avoid the complications and expense of run-off elections.
- The Council approved the Petition on Election Procedures 2006, Part 2 to standardize election processes for President-Elect and all Director positions based on percentages of voting members. The number of petitioners would be 0.5% of the membership entitled to vote for President-elect and 0.25% of the membership entitled to vote for director-at-large, and increases the number of required signatures.
- The Council approved (by a recorded vote) the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements that broadens qualifications for membership and creates a new category of student membership. The results of this election will be reported in Chemical and Engineering News. The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petitions. The Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements contains changes to the ACS Constitution, and not just the Bylaws. Therefore, ACS members must approve these changes in the fall to be valid.

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

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