

Report of Council Meeting Held on August 20, 2008 at the Grand Ballroom in the Philadelphia Marriott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The 236th National Meeting of the ACS was held in Philadelphia, PA from August 17 – 21, 2008. The Chicago section was represented by ten councilors and three 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), 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 Irene Cesa, Inessa Gorelik and Ken Fivizzani (Committee on Chemical Safety) I have also listed national committee assignments, for your information.

The council recognized Roy Bible for his 45 years of service as a councilor, Claude Lucchesi for his 35 years of service as a councilor and the Herb Golinkin for his 15 years of service.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported 2008 Probable Year End projections for the Society. At this point, the expectation is that the ACS will end the year with net contributions from Operations of \$9.1 million, which is \$24,000 favorable to the budget. This is even though investment losses have been \$24 million. There is concern that one criterion (the Fund Balance ratio, a measure of the reserve adequacy) of the board's financial guidelines will not be met.

Governance: The Council elected members to the Committee on Committees, the Council Policy Committee and the Committee on Nominations and Elections. Cherlyn Bradley was reelected to the Committee on Committees. Congratulations are also due to Andrea Twiss-Brooks (councilor for CINF and Chicago section member), for her election to the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Local Section Activities: The winners of Chemluminary awards were named. Outstanding Local section awards were presented to the following local sections: Pensacola, Illinois-Heartland, Midland, Detroit, Delaware and New York.

Divisional Activities: A revised divisional funding formula was approved by council. This has no impact on the funding received by local sections. In addition, the Council voted to approve the creation of a new probationary division of Catalysis Science and Technology (CATL).

Meetings and Expositions: As of August 20, 2008, the fall ACS national meeting had attracted 13,800 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 8,196; Students 3,087; Exhibitors 1,490; Exposition only 546; and Guests 481.. This was noted to be the largest exposition.

Economic and Professional Affairs: As of the end of Tuesday, there were 1260 job seekers at the ACS Career Fair and 515 posted positions available from 84 employers.

The latest draft of the Professional Employment Guidelines was presented for consideration and will be voted on at the Spring 2009 meeting. If you are interested in this document, see the draft document on the Chicago Section website:

<http://membership.acs.org/C/Chicago/Incoming/ProfEmployGuidelinesV8draft.pdf>

If you have comments, contact Charles Cannon, who is a member of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs or send them directly to careers@acs.org before November 30.

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

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