

Report of Council Meeting Held on August 19, 2009 at the Grand Ballroom in the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC

The 238th National Meeting of the ACS was held in Washington, DC from August 16-20, 2009. The Chicago section was represented by eleven councilors and one alternate councilor. The councilors who attended for the section were: Cherlyn Bradley, Charles Cannon, Mark Cesa, David Crumrine, Ken Fivizzani, Herb Golinkin, Russell Johnson, Fran Kravitz, Claude Lucchesi, Barbara Moriarty and Susan Shih. The alternate councilors representing the section were Stan Seelig.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that, in spite of the economic challenges faced in 2008, the Society's operating performance held up well. Nonetheless, the Society is expected to end the year with a net contribution from operations of \$11.2 million, or \$528,000 favorable to the 2009 approved budget. The favorable projection is largely the result of contingency plan actions and expense management initiatives implemented in early 2009, which are expected to fully offset revenue shortfalls in the Approved Budget across several categories.

Governance: The Council elected members of the three elected committees of council (Nominations and Elections, the Committee on Committees and the Council Policy Committee. The Council elected G. Bryan Balazs, Dawn A. Brooks, Les W. McQuire, Ingrid Montes, and Frankie K. Wood-Black for the 2010-2012 term for the Committee on Committees, M. Elizabeth Derrick, Thomas R. Gilbert, Willem R. Leenstra, and Carolyn Ribes for the 2010-2012 term for the Council Policy Committee and Dwight W. Chasar, Milagros Delgado, Kevin J. Edgar, Sharon P. Shoemaker, and Ellen B. Stechel for the 2010-2012 term for Nominations and Elections. The election for President-Elect this fall will have three candidates. Nancy Jackson and Cheryl Martin were selected by Council in the spring, while Mary Virginia Orna will be running as a result of a petition by members.

Petitions: The Council received two amendments to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition – (to be considered for Urgent Action) and the Petition on Election Timelines and Procedures 2009. After discussion, the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition was not considered Urgent and will be up for action at the 2010 spring meeting of the Council. The Petition on Election Timelines and Procedures 2009 proposes to shorten certain election timelines and change petition candidates (who go straight on the ballot if they obtain enough signatures) to petition nominees. The Council VOTED to recommit the petition to the Committee on Nominations and Elections with instructions to divide the petition into two separate petitions. If you are interested in the petition process, please contact Herb Golinkin.

Local Section Activities: The winners of Chemluminary awards were named. The Chicago section was not one of the six local sections to win a Chemluminary Award for Outstanding Local section. Nonetheless, the Chicago section won a Chemluminary Award for Best Continuing Program for Public Relations, for information delivery via the web site, electronic communication with members and collaboration with other organizations on activities.

Divisional Activities: The Council voted to disband the Division of Chemical Technicians (TECH) effective December 31, 2009, since TECH has accomplished its mission of enhancing the status of technicians in the American Chemical Society, and now they are integrated into the other technical divisions.

Meetings and Expositions: As of August 19, 2009, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted

14,319 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 8,575; Students 3,159; Guests 462; Exhibit Only 676; and Exhibitors 1,447. The Meetings and Expositions Committee recommended to the Board an increase of \$10 for the 2010 national meeting registration fee.

Economic and Professional Affairs: The Career Fair had 983 job seekers, 43 employers who posted 326 positions. While this is better than the career fair at the spring meeting, the Society conducted its first virtual career fair in June with 45 employers and 627 job seekers. Another virtual career fair is planned for this fall.

Membership: The provisions of the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements were fully implemented this past June with the transfer of former Student Affiliates to Student Member status, and Associate Members to regular Member status. As of July 31, the Society had 9,732 Student Members – 6,500 of them former Student Affiliates and more than 3,000 of them new Student Members.

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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