

Report of Council Meeting Held on August 31, 2005 at the Grand Ballroom in the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC

The 230th National Meeting of the ACS was held in Washington, DC from August 28 – September 1, 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.

During the 230th National Meeting, the first reports of the damage done by Hurricane Katrina was being reported. Council passed a resolution expressing its concern over the death and devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported probable year-end results for 2005. The Society expects to end the year with a net contribution from operations of \$5.6 million. This is expected to be \$3.6 million favorable to the budget. Note that the ACS has an annual budget of ~ \$400 million. Funding was approved by the Board of Directors for the following: a two-year pilot program for ACS High School Chemistry Clubs, ACS activities at the International Science and Engineering Fair, a leadership development program, the Green Chemistry Institute, and a complete reinvention of the Society's web presence.

Governance: The council elected Cherlyn Bradley to membership on the Committee on Committees (ConC). John W. Kozarich, a candidate for President-Elect has withdrawn.

Membership Affairs: Membership in the American Chemical Society was 155,567 as of July 31, 2005. Compared to July 31, 2004, this represents an increase of 282 members.

Meetings and Expositions: The 230th ACS national meeting attracted 13,040 registrants as of August 30, 2005. This included 2715 student members. The meeting registration for 2006 was announced to be \$305. There will be 10 regional meetings in 2006.

Economic and Professional Affairs: As of the end of Tuesday, there were 1917 job seekers at Chemjobs Career Center and 289 posted positions available. The number of interviews conducted in Washington, DC, as of the end of Tuesday, was 1678. Unemployment of chemists (according to the survey responses) dropped from 3.6% in 2004 to 3.1% in 2005. Part-time employment increased from 3.6% in 2004 to 4.1% in 2005.

Constitution and Bylaws: The Council approved revised Charter Bylaws for new local sections and for International Chemical Sciences Chapters. A Petition on Electronic Procedures was withdrawn.

Special Discussion Topic – Society Vision Hypothesis: The Society is developing a vision hypothesis. ACS members were asked for input at this national meeting. National meeting attendees reported 15 common themes, including: diversity, young people, governance, multidisciplinary, globalization and outreach.

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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