

Report of Council Meeting held in the Spring of 2013

The 245th National Meeting of the ACS was held in New Orleans, LA, from April 7 – 11, 2013. The Chicago section was represented by our complete contingent of councilors: Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, Charles Cannon, David Crumrine, Ken Fivizzani, Herb Golinkin, Russell Johnson, Milt Levenberg, Inessa Miller, Barbara Moriarty and Susan Shih.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that the Society ended 2012 with \$490.7 million in total revenue, which was 1.3% favorable to the budget. Even so the unrestricted net assets for the society decreased by \$1.4 million to \$100.6 million. The Society met four out of the five financial guidelines established by the Board

Governance: The Council elected G. Bryan Balazs and Charles E. Kolb, Jr. to be candidates for President-Elect of the society. The election, along with any petition candidates, will be held in the Fall of 2013.

Meetings and Expositions: As of April 10, 2013, the 245th ACS national meeting had attracted 15,596 registrants, including 8,105 regular attendees and 5,793 student attendees. In addition, it was reported that 11,232 papers were presented at this meeting

Membership Affairs: At the end of 2012, membership was 163,322. This is lower by 893 members compared to the end of 2011. While the number of student members undergraduate and international members increased there was a loss of regular full members. Beginning at the end of April 2013, ACS members will be allowed access to SciFinder. The cost of membership was increased from \$151 to \$154 for 2014.

Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs: The career fair at the meeting had 803 job seekers, 38 employers and 131 jobs posted. In addition, the virtual career fair had additional job seekers and posted jobs. The Academic Professional Guidelines were approved by council.

Local Sections: A proposal to change the manner in which allotments are calculated for local sections was approved. The calculation in the future (beginning in 2014) will be based on a percentage of the amount allocated for local sections instead of dollar amounts. This will mean less money for all local sections, but preserves some funding for innovative grants.

Petitions: The Council voted against the “petition to Amend National Election Procedures” which sought to shorten the campaign period for candidates for President, This petition would no longer have allowed the Council to select from a series of four candidates, who make short presentations to Council, but instead would have allowed the Committee on Nominations and Elections to select the two candidates.

Special Discussion Item: “What else should ACS do to help members to thrive in the global chemistry enterprise?” After a brief presentation by President Marinda Wu, council engaged in a discussion on the question. Many suggestions were expressed by councilors.

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

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