

## **The ACS Council Meeting**

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### **Council Report**

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#### **President's and President Elect's Reports**

Eli Pearce presented the President's report in which he described three main thrusts: diversity, globalization and education. Twenty percent of ACS members are women. Fifty percent of new members are now women. Presidential working groups have been looking at statistics of women and minorities. ACS is actively partnering with other societies and organizations such as AIChE. Dr. Pearce has sought ways to reinvent graduate and undergraduate education, emphasizing teamwork, interdisciplinary skills and a better understanding of several specific non-scientific but needed skills. Elsa Reichmanus has communication as her theme for 2003, emphasizing communication with the public, our government, and each other as scientists and engineers. She intends to be proactive with respect to legislation. She is very concerned with the stature of long-range research in government, academia, and industry and interested in promoting chemistry in an interdisciplinary, environment.

#### **Executive Officer's Report**

The ACS has far less income than was expected this year. Investments and revenue from ads in magazines is down. CAS and the journals have continued to generate positive income. Scifinder Scholar is being introduced into schools at the rate of one per day. The ACS matching gifts fund hit its maximum of 5 million dollars. It will be continued through 2002 with money found from operating funds.

#### **Election Results**

Those elected to CONC include Peter Dorhout, Nancy Jackson, Mamie Moy, Wanda Rauscher and William Breazeale. Those elected to the CPC were Eric Bingham, Martha Casey, Jan Hayes and Sharon Shoemaker. The Nomination and Elections Committee members elected were Peter A. Christie, Valerie J. Kuck, Bonnie Lawlor James W. Long and Sara J. Risch.

#### **CONC**

Conc, CPC, and the ACS Board of Directors reviewed the performance of and voted to continue three committees: Nomenclature and Symbols, WCC, and YCC. A more complete description of the Committee on Technician Affairs was offered and was acceptable to CONC and the council.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

The ACS has suffered a 4.2 million deficit this year. 1.7 million was from board appropriations, 1.2 million was from insurance, \$730,000 was an investment shortfall, and there was a \$916,000 shortfall from ads (publications). Budget and finance voted to not approve the petition for funding divisions and local sections. A task force of the committee on budget and finance, DAC, and LSAC is to present a compromise in spring 2003 at the ACS meeting.

#### **SOCED**

SOCED is working on recommendations for improving education with an emphasis on interdisciplinary research. ComSci sponsored three symposia in Boston on interdisciplinary science, art in chemistry and materials in manufacturing. These will be presented on the web, along with an executive summary. Symposia on global warming and on information will be presented in New Orleans.

**M and E Committee** 17,121 total people registered for the Boston ACS meeting. There were 12,245 technical registrations and 309 exhibiting companies. This was the largest convention in Boston since 9/11. P2C2 will occur in November. A list of guidelines for programming will be available for New Orleans. Due to the current financial situation of ACS, a \$275 registration is proposed for 2003 (an increase of \$10). Overhead projectors, lapel and podium microphones, LCD projectors and laser pointers will be standard equipment provided for symposia starting in 2003. The San Antonio meeting will be moved to New Orleans or San Diego due to cost.

#### **Membership Affairs Committee**

The Membership Affairs Committee voted to approve non-US applicants as Society Affiliates. Society Affiliates used to have to be residents or citizens.

#### **The DAC Committee**

The DAC Committee reviewed proposals and offered \$25,000 of funding for 8 proposals. The training for Divisional Officers will be offered Feb. 7-9 in DC. National meeting allotments pay only 1/6th of what is required to fund national meetings.

#### **CEPA**

NECH is online and fully electronic, totally paperless. As a result the numbers of ACS staff numbers required for NECH has dropped. In Boston, there were 1242 job seekers. 270 recruiters signed up from 154 employers, with 512 jobs posted. There were over 4000 interviews. Job Seekers was developed as a service available to members and non members. It is not doing as well as was expected, so it may fold into something else in ACS.

LSAC gave awards and needs speakers.

#### **Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs**

Art Ellis, Director of Chemistry for the NSF MPS Directorate came to CCPA to talk about NSF. Gerry Richmond will present the ACS Public Service award to Jerry Lewis (Calif.) and to David Price (NC) in Congress. Boulder Dam local section changed its name to the Southern Nevada Section.

#### **Publications**

CAS is thriving economically in difficult economic times. STN Scifinder also is doing well.

#### **Committee on Patents and Trademarks**

The U.S. PTO in the past paid for itself. The fee was diverted to other sources increasingly over the years. Now drastic changes are proposed which will greatly increase the cost of patenting. The Committee on Patents and Trademarks is preparing a policy statement.

C&E News on Nov. 25 will publish their annual employment outlook plus an editorial on graduate school and beyond.

#### **Committee on Public Relations and Communications**

There will be a new webpage on Chemistry.org. This will have templates for local PR.

### **Committee and Secretariat Reports**

#### **ComSci**

In New Orleans, ComSci will present a symposium on non-traditional (for chemists) funding opportunities such as DARPA, NIH, or perhaps FAA or ATF. They may present a symposium discussing the fate of long-range research in the US. Several other key issues are being considered for symposia in 2003. Lunch symposia are being planned.

ComSci will cosponsor a Presidential event on communicating chemistry to the public (the Grady-Stack awardees). In New York, a C&E News/JACS 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on communicating chemistry to chemists will be presented. A follow-up symposium to the NRC workshop on Computing and Communications will be presented also in New York. Other ComSci events will include a lunchbox symposium on chemistry and security and a symposium on the effect of cyberinfrastructure on academe and industry. ComSci will cosponsor cross-divisional symposia at each meeting. Several events are also planned for meetings in 2004.

### **Committee on Minority Affairs**

The Minority Affairs Committee wants to encourage Divisions to include underrepresented minorities in all of their technical symposia. They will be happy to work with Divisions to help accomplish this or to actively cosponsor symposia in which minority participants participate. As a model, in Boston, the Analytical Division ran a successful symposium highlighting women who made significant contributions in analytical chemistry.

The Committee on Minority Affairs has organized a new subcommittee on Industrial/Government Relations, which I was asked to chair. Ron Webb of Corporation Associates will be coordinating with the Minority Affairs Committee through this subcommittee. Two activities are being considered related to attracting and cultivating minorities into the chemical enterprise. The ACS cap on matching gifts which was met might affect future contributions for the Scholars Program, which is a highly successful program to fund and mentor underrepresented minorities so that they will go into science, engineering and technology.

### **Catalysis Secretariat**

CATL has no programming planned for New Orleans, so anyone in divisions wanting to cosponsor symposia with other CATL divisions and present these in the CATL program is welcome to send a one-page proposed symposium description and announcement (including organizers and planned number of sessions) to Dave Bergbreiter, current Secretary General (bergbreiter@mail.chem.tamu.edu). This should be done soon so that the plans can be completed by the ACS deadlines for announcing symposia (a couple of months). Dave Bergbreiter, Secretary General of the Catalysis Secretariat presented the programming for each of the nine major CATL Divisions. He got this from listed future symposia that are on the ACS web. Programming chairs and others interested in finding conflicts or opportunities in programming are encouraged to check the ACS website. The environmental division was invited to participate in the CATL secretariat. Scott Han was elected Secretary General for 2004. He will be representing the PETR Division. Two catalysis symposia will be presented in New York. One is being organized by P. Stair & I.E Wachs and V. Gulians and M. Banares are organizing the second.