

## **The ACS Council Meeting**

223rd National ACS Meeting

Submitted to The ACS Colloid and Surface Chemistry Division

Executive Committee Meeting August 17, 2002

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Wednesday, April 10, 2002, Valencia Room

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

It was voted to postpone a vote until the Boston meeting on the petition to increase the size of society committees. This petition is to increase size of society committees from a minimum of 9 to a minimum of 15 and from a maximum of 12 to a maximum of 20. Only a minor negative impact on budget of from \$0-\$50,000 was predicted by this.

The council voted to raise ACS dues by \$4.00 to the fully escalated rate of \$116 for 2003.

The council chose Charles P. Casey, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Alvin L. Kwiram, University of Washington, Seattle as candidates for president-elect 2003 for this fall's election.

Eli Pearce wanted to determine what education in the US would look like if it could be developed from scratch. He proposed this as a main Presidential Thrust. He proposed a Soc. Ed. Conference on this. He proposed that the Society support big changes at all levels of education.

Elsa Reichmanus is considering Presidential Events at Regional conferences in 2003 and wants to allow more recognition to industrial women

The council approved the change of the Women Chemists Committee to a "Joint Board-Council Committee."

The Sunset Committee recommended and it was voted to continue the Committee on Admissions.

The Committee on Professional & Member Relations reported that 53% of the 2001 year-end unpaid members hold B.S. degrees and have less than three years of membership. At the end of 2001, the total membership of ACS was 163,503, slightly more than the year before.

The ACS National Employment Clearing House reported 867 job seekers and 131 employers registered with 988 positions available and 3,088 interviews scheduled. In Chicago, 4,001 interviews were conducted with 1,105 candidates. NECH will be paperless at Boston. There will be online registration access 24hrs/day for employers and candidates from any compute.

The ACS Board reported that to advance the objects of ACS-PRF, approved the use of up to \$2.4 million from ACS-PRF for Alternative Energy Postdoctoral Fellowships in Chemistry.

WCC and Corporate Associates are planning Diversity events.

The Committee on Meetings and Expositions proposed that non-divisional programming at meetings should be encouraged.

F rank Blum reported that the DAC received all 33 division reports and 2 of the 4 Secretariat reports.

LABA is a new division, the Laboratory Automaton Division

It was voted that CELL will have a new name to be the Cellulose and Renewable Materials Division.

One can examine salaries on line at [careers@acs.org](mailto:careers@acs.org).

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Contact LSAC if you want to be tour speaker, especially women and minorities. There is an EZ local section form if one wants to propose someone to be considered for an award.

The theme for Chem. week 2002 is "Chemistry keeps us clean." 2003 is the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers flight. "The chemistry of flight" is being proposed as the theme for national Chemistry Week (NCW) in 2003.

There were 14308 attendees total as 12246 attendees and 2062 exhibitors.

Boston exhibitors sold were sold before the Orlando meeting. Virtual space was then sold.

ACS will have a new AV policy in 2003.

ACS wants a unified process for programming. CPC will have an appointed group (Presidential) to examine this.

It was voted to have 2013 meetings in New Orleans and Indianapolis.

Project SEED put 6000 disadvantaged high school Students to work in summers. They are recognizing mentors.

The CPRM has created "What every chemist should know about Patents" on the web. PTO is not getting resources to do work but congress is directing patents fees to other government activities Outside of PTO.

Contact OLGA if suggestions for National Inventors Hall of fame and National Medal of Technology.

## **Committee Reports**

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I am on two ACS committees – the Committee on Science and the Minority Affairs Committee. I also represent COLL to the Catalysis and Surface Science Secretariat. I have been a representative for years, and am welcome to attend future meetings as a COLL appointed representative or a past Secretary General.

### **Committee on Science**

Marge Cavanaugh is the new chair of the Committee on Science. This committee has reorganized programming to better fit their role leading programming crossing boundaries of divisions and other units of the Society. They also act to provide advice to the Society in areas directly related to science and chemistry, and they are a forum for open discussion of issues affecting chemists, including science policy, meetings, publications, awards and communications. The Committee on Science is considering partnering with divisions to present multidisciplinary research, business and technology. They are organized into three standing subcommittees, Divisional and Cross-Divisional Activities, Public and Professional policy, and Science and Technology Frontiers. ComSci has run symposia for presidential events and is now running NRC Follow-on symposia, cross-divisional symposia, lunch-box symposia on public Policy and Chemistry Frontiers special events.

### **Minority Affairs Committee**

The Minority Affairs Committee has as its vision that the goals, initiatives, and activities of the Committee on minority Affairs will be embraced and promoted by the governance, committees, divisions, local sections and general membership of the ACS. They conceive, develop, coordinate, cosponsor and implement programs that increase the participation of underrepresented minority chemical scientists, with particular emphasis in developing talent so that they can assume leadership positions in the American chemical sciences enterprise.

The minority Affairs Committee will in particular promote the involvement of minority scientists on editorial boards. They will find ways to infuse diversity issues throughout the Society, and to increase the visibility of minority scientists. A workshop cosponsored with Project SEED will be conducted Sunday in Boston. Here experts will discuss what makes successful mentoring. On Monday, an event will be presented to discuss successful models for faculty and student diversity in the chemical sciences.

### **Catalysis Secretariat**

The Catalysis Secretariat meeting will be held on Monday, August 19 at the Marriott Copley Plaza, Cape Cod Conference Room at noon. Divisions will discuss their future programming and see whether there are similar interests that might result in cooperative efforts to produce symposia better than the sum of the contributions from the various interested divisions. I&EC, COLL and PMSE provided programming to each of the other CATL representatives prior to the meeting. Other CATL members are PHYS, INOR, ORGN, FUEL and PETR (9 total). If COLL wants any programming in CATL, please tell me or one of the other representatives who attends the COLL meeting. Each division may have two representatives and others who were Secretary General of CATL in the past may attend CATL meeting, which is a Monday lunch meeting at 12 noon. CATL programming is presented in the technical program and programming for Boston and future meetings may be viewed on the ACS website.