

Committee on Chemical Safety
Resources Subcommittee
March 27, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Laurence Doemeny, James Kapin, Daniel McDonald, Patrica Redden, Darrell Watson

Members Absent: Ellen Burns, Eileen Segal, Rubye Torrey and Douglas Walters

Members offered the following suggestions to the ACS Public Policy Priorities (underlined words to be added):

Under the section on: R&D and Innovation:

- In the last sentence of the introductory paragraph one word should be added "...tax credits"

In the section on: Science Education and the Workforce:

- Change the first bullet by adding one word: "...in safe formal and informal settings."
- Change the second bullet to "Encourage more women, minorities, and people with disabilities to explore and develop opportunities in science and engineering careers."

In the section on: The Environment:

- > Change the first bullet to: "Promote the responsible use of science in formulating environmental, health and safety regulations."
- > Change the second bullet to: "...technologies that manage risk and avoid pollution."
- Change the third bullet to: "...chemical enterprise and health, safety and the environment."

The addition of a section, Communication to the Public, should be added. The lead sentence should reflect a responsibility to educate the public on technical challenges in the environment, economy, health, energy and national security.

In other business, the subcommittee is asked to review the ACS Strategic Plan (available on the web) and prepare recommendations on activities by CCS that can support the plan.

In preparation for the next edition of SACL, the subcommittee is to examine safety issues in academic laboratories in areas of biotechnology and nanotechnology. If areas of SACL need to be updated to cover the specific needs of these emerging fields, updated sections can be added to the web document prior to the next publication. Members should review these areas and prepare their recommendation prior to the Philadelphia meeting.