

Councilor's Report

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The following summary is my report as Councilor to the Wichita Section of actions taken by the Council at the 238th ACS National meeting in Washington DC.

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2009 ACS national election were announced as follows:

President-Elect 2010

Nancy B. Jackson, International Chemical Threat Reduction Department

Manager, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Cheryl A. Martin, Currently on sabbatical; former Corporate Vice President and

General Manager, Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA

Mary Virginia Orna, Professor of Chemistry, College of New Rochelle,

New Rochelle, NY

Directors-at-Large - 2010-2012

Dennis Chamot, Associate Executive Director, Division of Engineering and Physical Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, DC

H. N. Cheng, Research Chemist, US Department of Agriculture, New Orleans, LA

Ray A. Dickie, Retired, Ford Motor Company, Efland, NC

Valerie J. Kuck, Retired, Lucent Technologies, Montclair, NJ

Howard M. Peters, Retired, Peters, Verny, LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Director, District V - 2010-2012

Judith L. Benham, Retired, 3M Company, St. Paul, MN

Peter K. Dorhout, Vice Provost, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Committee Review

- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committees on Chemical Safety, Minority Affairs, Chemical Abstracts Service, Technician Affairs, and Analytical Reagents. Continuing the first three committees requires Board of Directors concurrence.

Registration Report and 2010 National Meeting Registration Fee

- As of August 19, 2009, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 14,319 registrants. This was the largest Washington meeting in history. Totals in select

categories are as follows: Regular attendees 8,575; Students 3,159; Guests 462; Exhibit Only 676; and Exhibitors 1,447.

- The Meetings and Expositions Committee recommended to the Board an increase of \$10 for the 2010 national meeting registration fee. The Board will act on this recommendation shortly.

Membership Activity

- The provisions of the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements were fully implemented this past June with the transfer of former Student Affiliates to Student Member status, and Associate Members to regular Member status. As of July 31, the Society had 9,732 Student Members – 6,500 of them former Student Affiliates and more than 3,000 of them new Student Members.

Dissolution of the Division of Chemical Technicians

- On recommendation of Divisional Activities Committee, as recommended by TECH, the Council VOTED to disband the Division of Chemical Technicians effective December 31, 2009. DAC agreed that TECH has accomplished its mission of enhancing the status of technicians in the American Chemical Society, and now they are integrated into the other technical divisions.

The Society's Finances

- In view of the ongoing global recession and its impact of the Society's finances, the Board received an update on the Society's current financial position and the projected financial performance for 2009. The Society is projected to end the year with a net contribution from operations of \$11.2 million, or \$528,000 favorable to the 2009 approved budget. The favorable projection is largely the result of Contingency Plan actions and expense management initiatives implemented in early 2009, which are expected to fully offset revenue shortfalls in the Approved Budget across several categories.

Chemistry Ambassadors

- The Board of Directors received a briefing on a new program to equip ACS members to be more effective spokespersons for chemistry. It is called the Chemistry Ambassadors program, and information may be found at www.acs.org/chemistryambassadors.