

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY 239th ACS NATIONAL MEETING SAN FRANCISCO, CA MARCH 21-25, 2010

The meeting was attended by myself, Councilor Warren Hull and Alternate- Councilor Joanne Kehlbeck.

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results

By electronic ballot, the Council selected Luis A. Echegoyen and Bassam Z. Shakhshiri as candidates for 2011 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2011-2013 term: Janan M. Hayes, Robert L. Lichter, Kathleen M. Schulz, and Kent J. Voorhees. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws

(For Action)

The Council received three amendments to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Admissions Committee, the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition, and the Petition on Election Timelines 2009.

The Council VOTED to approve the Petition on Admissions Committee. This petition removes the Admission Committee from the Bylaws and transfers its functions to the Council Committee on Membership Affairs.

After considerable debate, a motion to approve the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition FAILED. The Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition would have amended the Constitution to emphasize that candidates selected by a petition process from members will have no further screening.

The Council also thoroughly debated the merits of the Petition on Election Timelines 2009. The motion to approve this petition FAILED. The Petition on Election Timelines 2009 would have shortened certain national election timelines.

The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the Petition on Admissions Committee.

The Society's Finances

- The Council and Board of Directors learned that the Society's total 2009 revenue (\$460 million) was up +1% from 2008, but fell short of the 2009 approved budget by \$19.5 million or 4.1%. Fortunately, the revenue shortfall was fully anticipated in early 2009. Therefore, contingency planning actions and cost containment initiatives were implemented across the Society, resulting in expense savings totaling \$22.5 million. As a result, the Society's Net Return from Operations was \$13.7 million, or \$3.0 million greater than anticipated in the 2009 Approved Budget.

The financial outlook for 2010 is better, and ACS management expects the Society to meet the 2010 approved budget.

2011 Member Dues

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2011 at the fully escalated rate of \$146. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws

Local Section Allotment Calculator

- The Council VOTED to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to local sections.

Member Statistics

- At the close of 2009, Society membership totaled 161,783 compared to 154,024 for year-end 2008. The number of new membership applications received last year was the highest ever. The 2009 number also reflects the transition of 6,658 former Student Affiliates to the new student member category in June 2009 and the recruitment of 6,341 new student member undergraduates.

Attendance Report

- As of March 24, 2010, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 18,076 registrants as follows: Regular attendees, 9,715; Students, 5,705; Exhibitors, 1,219; Exposition only, 923; and Guests, 514.