

Councilor Report for the Portland Section
American Chemical Society
257th ACS National Meeting Orlando, FL
March 31-April 4, 2019

The following is a summary of activities at the spring 2019 council meeting.

Actions of the Council

Elections:

Candidates for President elect: H.N. Cheng and Carol A. Duane, along with any candidates selected via petition, will stand as candidates for President-elect, 2020.

Directors for District II (Christina C. Bodurow and Dawn Mason) IV (Rigoberto Hernandez and Lisa Houston) and for at-large (Harmon B. Abrahamson, G. Bryan Balazs, D. Richard Cobb, Dorothy J. Phillips) are also up for election.

Amendment to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws

The Council approved the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents [Constitution Articles I-XIX, Bylaws I-XIV, and Standing Rules I-IX], which will reorganize the fundamental governing documents of the Society: the Constitution and Bylaws, and create a third document: Standing Rules. These three documents will function as a hierarchy. The Constitution should define; the Bylaws should authorize; and the Standing Rules should operationalize.

The Petition will become effective if and when the proposed changes to the Constitution are approved by the Membership of the Society, and if and when the Board of Directors approves the Petition. Because the changes to the ACS Governing Documents are substantial, the Council authorized the ACS Secretary and General Counsel and the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws to correct minor technical mistakes in the Petition.

Council Special Discussion

ACS President Bonnie Charpentier led a special discussion on ACS Relevance to Current and Future Members: Challenges and Opportunities. Suggestions included increased support for local sections and industry members, helping student members transition into their professional careers, and implementing a monthly payment tool for ACS dues. These, and all the other ideas will be shared with the Committee on Membership Affairs and the ACS Membership Division for further research or implementation.

2020 Member Dues

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) to set the member dues for 2020 at the 2019 rate of \$175 (no change on dues).

Continuation of Committees

The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology & Symbols be continued; and that the Committee on Senior Chemists be continued, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

International Chemical Sciences Chapter

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, the Council approved the establishment of ACS Pakistan International Chemical Sciences Chapter, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions in memory of deceased Councilors and in gratitude for the officers and members of the Orlando Section, host for the 257th National Meeting, the divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Councilor Divisor

As required by the Society's Bylaws, the Council Policy Committee has set the divisors for allocation of Councilor seats among Local Sections and Divisions for 2020 to 2023. Official notification of the Councilor divisors and the number of Councilors permitted for each Local Section and Division will be sent to the respective Local Sections and Divisions prior to May 1st as required in the Bylaws.

Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits suggestions of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to nomelect@acs.org.

Budget and Finance

In 2018, ACS generated a net from operations of \$41.1 million, which was \$13.3 million higher than 2017. Total revenues were \$571.6 million, increasing 6.4% - or \$34.2 million - over 2017. Expenses ended the year at \$530.5 million, which was \$20.8 million or 4.1% higher than the prior year. These results were attributable to strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

Additional information can be found at www.acs.org. At the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'ACS Financial Information.' There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

Membership

The ACS ended 2018 with 151,012 members, a net membership growth of one-tenth-of-one-percent. This is the first membership growth ACS has recorded in the better part of a decade. Of the 25,000 new

members who joined in 2018, about 20% were incentivized by market testing initiatives. Without these new members, ACS would have seen continued declines.

Council voted to extend the provision of the international dues discount test based on World Bank country income levels for an additional three years (August 2019 – August 2022).

Orlando Meeting Attendance as of Tuesday, April 2:

Attendees	7,887
Students	6,019
Exhibitors	869
Expo only	404
Guests	426
Total	15,605

Some actions of the Board of Directors

The Board received extensive briefings and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to receive regular review from the Board.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointments of Editors-in-Chief for several ACS journals.

The co-chair of the Next Generation ACS Leadership Program Task Force gave an update on the efforts of the task force. Next steps include continuing to gather feedback from various ACS entities and constituencies, and to develop a framework for professional development that is reflective of the ACS core values (focus on members; professionalism; diversity, inclusion and respect; and safety and ethics).

Your Board of Directors is elected by and acts in the best interests of the members of the Society. Please contact them with your comments, concerns, ideas, and suggestions at secretary@acs.org.

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Respectfully reported,

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