



Councilor's Report
American Chemical Society
251st ACS National Meeting
San Diego, California
March 13 – 17, 2016

Hello South Texas Section,

The Council of the American Chemical Society met in San Diego on March 16, 2016. The following report includes a summary of items that were discussed.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2017: Peter K. Dorhout, Thomas R. Gilbert, C. Bradley Moore, and Gregory H. Robinson. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Peter K. Dorhout and Thomas R. Gilbert as candidates for 2017 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the San Diego meeting to select *candidates* from the list of *nominees* to serve as Directors from District II and District IV on the Board of Directors for the term 2017-2019. By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected George M. Bodner and Christina C. Bodurow as District II candidates; and Rigoberto Hernandez and Larry K. Krannich as District IV candidates. Ballots will be distributed on September 29, 2016 to all ACS members in District II and District IV for election of a Director from each District.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for 2017-2019 terms: Joseph A. Heppert, Kristin M. Omberg, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Kathleen M. Schulz. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on September 29, 2016.

Since we are on the topic of elections, it is a perfect time to start looking for candidates for this Fall's local section elections, or even to consider being a candidate. The offices to be filled are Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Contact any local section officer for more information or to suggest potential candidates. You can email our section at acs.southtexaslocalsection@gmail.com

Other Council Actions and Committee Reports

2017 Member Dues

- The Council voted to set the member dues for 2016 at the fully escalated rate of **\$166**. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

Resolutions

- The Council passed resolutions in memory of deceased Councilors; in gratitude for the officers and members of the San Diego Local Section, host Section for the 251st National Meeting; the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers; and ACS staff.

Budget and Finance

In 2015, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$16.6 million, which was \$3.2 million favorable to budget. Total revenues were \$511.7 million, essentially on budget. Expenses ended the year at \$495.1 million, which was \$3.1 million or 0.6% favorable to budget. This variance was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the Society. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2015, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$144.7 million at December 31, 2014 to \$163.3 million at year-end 2015. Additional information can be found at www.acs.org.

Membership

As of December 31, the ACS membership was nearly 157,000, which is 0.96% less than on the same date in 2014. The number of new members who joined in 2015 is 25,000. The Society's overall retention rate is 84%. The committee also reported that the number of international members has increased to 26,022. That number is 965 higher than in December of 2014. The international growth rate is 3.85%.

Early Member Registration Fee

In compliance with the National Meeting Long Range Financial Plan and the recommendations of the 2015 Task Force on Implementing National Meeting Financial Targets, the Committee on Meetings and Expositions has recommended that the Early Member Registration Fee for the 2017 national meetings be \$440. The Board will vote on this recommendation later this year.

San Diego Meeting Attendance

Attendance at the San Diego meeting was great. As of Tuesday evening, March 15, the following was reported:

Attendees	8398
Students	5979
Exhibitors	1094
Expo only	473
Guest	383
Total	16,327

There was a lot of other business conducted at this meeting and is available under the Governance link on the ACS website if you are interested.

The next national meeting will be August 21-25, 2016, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Theme: Chemistry of the people, by the people, for the people. Check the ACS website and C&E News for further information.

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