

COUNCILOR TALKING POINTS
SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS

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The following summary is provided to help councilors report to their local sections and divisions on key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2007 fall national meeting.

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Committee on Committees beginning in 2008: Gary D. Anderson, Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Alan M. Ehrlich, Jurgen H. Exner, Roland F. Hirsch, Pamela D. Kistler, Larry K. Krannich, Will E. Lynch, Ean Warren, and Mark W. Wicholas. By written ballot the Council elected Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Larry K. Krannich, and Will E. Lynch for the 2008-2010 term; and Roland F. Hirsch for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Council Policy Committee beginning in 2008: Rita R. Boggs, Dwight W. Chasar, Joseph A. Heppert, William R. Oliver, Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes, Kathleen M. Schulz, Peter J. Stang, and H. David Wohlers. By written ballot the Council elected Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes, Kathleen M. Schulz for the 2008-2010 term; and Peter J. Stang for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term.
- The Council Policy Committee presented to the Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections for the 2008-2010 term: V. Dean Adams, David E. Bergbreiter, Frank D. Blum, William H. Daly, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Cynthia K. McClure, Scott D. Rychnovsky, Arlyne M. Sarquis, and Pamela J. Shapiro. By written ballot the Council elected Frank D. Blum, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Arlene M. Sarquis and Pamela J. Shapiro.

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2007 ACS national election were announced as follows:

President-Elect 2008

Thomas H. Lane, Dow Corning Corporation, Midland, MI

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

Directors-at-Large – 2008-2010

Janan M. Hayes, (Retired) Merced College, Merced, CA

Bonnie A. Lawlor, NFAIS, Philadelphia, PA

Kent J. Voorhees, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO

Frankie K. Wood-Black, Trihydro Corporation, Ponca City, OK

Director, District II 2008-2010

Joseph R. (Joe) Peterson, (Retired) University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Diane Grob Schmidt, The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

Director, District IV 2008-2010

Eric C. Bigham, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC

Gregory H. Robinson, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Petitions

(For Action)

- The Council VOTED to accept the Petition on Local Section Affiliations. The petition addresses a difference in current Society bylaws regarding the responsibilities of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) and the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) in oversight of the establishment of affiliations by local sections and divisions respectively. Responsibilities for LSAC in approving local section affiliations will now parallel those currently established for DAC. To be valid, the petition next must be confirmed by the Board of Directors in 90 days.

(For Consideration)

- The Council received three Petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director, Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures, and the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements. The Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director seeks to move toward a preferential ballot, both to make the balloting procedure more uniform and to avoid the complications and expense of run-off elections. The Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures provides options other than run-off elections to local sections and division for resolving tie votes. The Petition on Membership Categories represents a comprehensive revision

of the qualifications required for membership and for affiliate status in the Society. Action is expected on these three petitions at the 2008 spring national meeting.

Committee Review and Other Committee Changes

- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities that its status be changed from an “other committee” of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee.
- The Council VOTED to amend the acronym of the Committee on Project SEED and update the committee’s charge. The acronym will be changed from “Summer Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged” to “Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged.”

Governance Review – Committee Summit

- The Council Policy Committee (CPC) received a report on the activities of the Governance Review Task Force, specifically those related to the Summit on ACS Committee Structure held in July 2007. As a follow-up to this review, CPC was informed of several recommendations to be directed to the Committee on Committees, the Board of Directors, the Council Policy Committee, and to other specific committees. Recognizing its work as completed, the Council Policy Committee voted to discharge the Governance Review Task Force, with thanks, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Registration Report and 2008 National Meeting Registration Fee

- As of August 21, 2007, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 15,344 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular attendees 8,792; Students 3,518; Guests 574; Exhibit Only 784; and Exhibitors 1,676. In keeping with the objective of the National Meeting Long Range Financial Plan, previously approved by the Board of Directors and Council, the Meetings and Expositions Committee approved an increase of ten dollars for the 2008 national meetings advanced registration fee.

The Society’s Membership

- The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that as of July 2007, the ACS total membership is 1,100 ahead of that at the same date last year, and the number of unpaid members is 295 less than that at the same date last year.

Review of the Academic Professional Guidelines

- The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Academic Professional Guidelines for consideration. These guidelines apply to

those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry. The Council will vote on the Academic Professional Guidelines at the 2008 spring meeting in New Orleans.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda. The discussion focused on ACS policy development and advocacy efforts. ACS President Catherine (Katie) T. Hunt framed the discussion by posing three questions: 1) How can ACS encourage more members to participate by bringing their expertise to the development of more targeted policy positions? 2) What can ACS do to increase member involvement in public policy advocacy? 3) How can ACS be a more effective leader in policy activities in the broader science and technology communities? Councilors entered into a robust exchange, offering several useful comments and suggestions. As a follow-up, President Hunt invited councilors to visit her website at www.acspresident.org for additional information.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Long Planning and Sustainability

- The Board of Directors voted to approve a revised draft of the ACS Strategic Plan with the addition of specific strategies to be executed in 2008. The Board also approved a proposal for next steps in its contingency plan. The ACS contingency plan provides a set of actions that could be undertaken if certain threats or opportunities became realities for the Society.

The Committees of the Board

- The Board received reports from its Committee on Grants and Awards, the Committee on Executive Compensation, and the Committee on Budget and Finance. On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve Society nominees for the 2008 Perkin Medal and the 2008 Othmer Gold Medal. On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the Pacifichem 2010 proposed budget; to include funding for a State Government Affairs Program in the budgets for 2008-2010; to defer funding for the Committee on Professional Training Workshops with Hispanic and Native American-serving Institutions from 2007 to 2008 to take full advantage of an NSF workshop to be held in September 2007; and to accept the recommendations of the Program Review Advisory Group (PRAG) subject, in some instances, to further refinements.

The Executive Director/CEO Report

- The Executive Director/CEO, along with several of her direct reports, updated the Board on the following issues: the proposed 2008 merit guideline and inflation

assumption for building the 2008 budget; possible amendments to the ACS Retirement and Employee Savings Plans as recommended by the Committee on Pensions and Investments; and the activities of the Publications Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, and the Society's General Counsel. As a follow-up, the Board voted to approve the 2008 merit guideline and the inflation assumption, amendments to the ACS Retirement and Employee Savings Plans, a continuation of service for several Society journal editors, and an approval of a policy for mergers and acquisitions.

Other Society Business

- The Board received reports from its international guests and then discussed with them how their Society goals intersect with goals of the American Chemical Society. Our international guests represented the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the German Chemical Society, the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences, the Mexican Chemical Society, and FIZ Karlsruhe (Chemical Abstracts Service's STN partner).
- At its June meeting, the Board of Directors identified several strategic "mega" issues important to the future and success of the American Chemical Society and agreed to review these issues at its future meetings. At this meeting, the Board dedicated a portion of its agenda to the "mega" issue "Infrastructure" and combined its discussion with a review of the recommendations from the Summit on ACS Committee Structure, as presented by the Governance Review Task Force. After a presentation on ACS committees and their history, the Board engaged in a discussion of its role, and the role of those committees dedicated to Board initiatives needed to execute the Strategic Plan.
- The Board also received updates from two Society initiatives: the Web Presence Initiative and the ACS Leadership Development System (LDS). The newly re-invented ACS website, scheduled to launch September 30, will feature a unifying global navigation and dramatically improved user experience. The new url is www.acs.org; users who have bookmarked www.chemistry.org will be forwarded to the new site. The LDS envisions offering a full pipeline of skilled and effective ACS members ready, willing, and able to step into leadership roles in their volunteer and professional lives.