



**Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry, American
Chemical Society**



248th National ACS Meeting

San Francisco, California, August 10--14, 2014

Report of Council Meeting held on March 19, 2014, in Dallas, Texas

The 247th National Meeting of the ACS was held in Dallas, Texas, from March 16—20, 2014. At the Council meeting on March 19, 2014, the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry was represented by Division Councilors John Vercellotti and Derek Horton. These two Division Councilors plan to represent the Division at the Council Meeting in San Francisco on August 13, 2014.

The **Committee on Nominations and Elections** (N&E) reviewed the use of the “clickers” for electronic voting, asking whether transcriptions of Council proceedings should appear on the screen during the meeting? The result was marginally in favor.

N&E presented the four nominees for the 2015 ACS President-Elect: Peter K. Dorhout, William A. Lester, Jr., Christopher K. Ober and Henry F. Schaefer III. Council voted to accept Peter K. Dorhout of Kansas State University and William A. Lester Jr. of the University of California, Berkeley to be placed on the fall 2014 ballot mailed out to the membership as candidates for 2015 President–Elect, along with any petition candidates.

N&E announced the selection of nominees for Directors-at-Large for 2015-2017. These are Dawn A. Brooks of Eli Lilly & Co, William F. Carroll, Jr. of Occidental Chemical Corp, Barbara A. Sawrey of University of California, San Diego and Ellen R. Stechel of Arizona State University. These four along with any petition candidates will appear on a ballot in the fall from which the Councilors will elect two to serve.

Reports from officers included those from Diane Grob Schmidt, President-Elect, and Marinda Li Wu, Past President.

Madeleine Jacobs, Executive Director announced that she will be retiring from the ACS at the end of 2014.

William F. Carroll, Jr, Chair of the Board of Director, discussed a plan in place to find a new executive director to replace Madeleine Jacobs.

The **Committee on Committees** (ConC) reported that eight new committee chairs went through orientation at the January Leadership Conference in Dallas. ConC proposed, and Council approved, continuance of the Committees on Chemical Safety, Chemistry and Public Affairs, and Minority Affairs.

The **Committee on Budget and Finance** (B&F) recommended, and Council approved, to set the member dues for 2015 at the fully escalated rate of \$158.

The **Society Committee on Education** (SOCED) approved a pilot program to form ACS International Student Chapters.

The **Committee on Science** (ComSci) is finalizing recommendations to the ACS Board for the Presidential National Medal of Science.

A special item that had a lot of discussion was “What Can ACS Do to Increase the Quality of Science Education in Grades 7-12?”

The **Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs** (CEPA) announced that overall unemployment among new graduates rose from 12.6% in 2012 to 14.9%.

The **Committee on Meetings and Expositions** (M&E) received a good acceptance on reinstating Chicago as a Tier I location for National ACS meetings due to a decrease in union costs. M&E has proposed the following locations for future National meetings: March, 2023 – Indianapolis; August, 2023 - San Francisco; March, 2024 - New Orleans; August, 2026 - San Francisco; March, 2029 - San Francisco. Having a contract for three meetings in San Francisco is expected to reduce the cost of the meetings to ACS.

The Dallas meeting had 13,680 registrants, including 5,140 students, and 10,050 papers were presented. M&E voted to eliminate the author index in the hard program meeting program book beginning with the spring 2015 meeting. The searchable author index is now available via the mobile application and other electronic means.

The **Committee on Divisional Activities** (DAC) proposed a reallocation of the dues allotment among divisions. An amended version postponing implementation until 2015 allows planned programming for 2014 to proceed passed. Proposed meeting themes for the 2017 National meetings are: Spring, San Francisco: *Advanced Materials, Technologies, Systems and Processes*; Fall, Washington, DC: *Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy*.

The **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** (C&B) created a new, easier way for local sections and divisions to prepare bylaw revisions for C&B review.

The **Chemical Safety Committee** (CCS) has published its first-ever Safety Alert concerning the Rainbow Demonstration, in Chemical and Engineering News, March 17, 2014.

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