



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



**249th National ACS Meeting**

**Denver, Colorado, March 21—26, 2015**

**Councilors' Report**

The 248th National Meeting of the ACS was held in San Francisco, California from August 10—14, 2014. Its theme was “Chemistry and Global Stewardship”. At the Council meeting on August 13, 2014, the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry was represented by Division Councilors John Vercellotti and Derek Horton.

With the retirement of John Vercellotti as Division Councilor effective December 31, 2014, the Division will be represented at the Council Meeting in Denver, Colorado on March 25, 2015 by Derek Horton and newly elected Councilor Anthony Serianni.

At the August 2014 San Francisco Council meeting, the Society's Committee on Budget and Finance approved an advance member registration fee of \$390 for national meetings held in 2015.

Among the three candidates presented for the fall 2014 ACS national election for President-Elect 2015, Donna J. Nelson was subsequently elected.

Attendance at the San Francisco meeting was reported to be the most attended fall meeting since 2002, with 11,847 papers and 15,761 attendees, including 432 booths representing 285 companies.

The Fall 2022 meeting is scheduled to be held in Chicago, the first at this location since 2007.

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) reported that the unemployment rate for chemists has gone down to 2.9%. However, the unemployment rate for new hires was 14.6% and the rate for new Bachelor's degree hires was 15.8%.

A document: *Councilor Talking Points and Summary of Governance Issues and Actions* is available that details key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2014 fall national meeting. This included a recommendation to the Board of Directors of the following sites for National Meetings:

- Boston – Fall 2024, 2029, 2031
- San Diego – Spring 2025, 2031, and Fall 2027
- New Orleans – Spring 2027, 2032
- Chicago – Fall 2022

The new Meeting Abstracts Programming System (MAPS) was launched August 25, 2014 in preparation for the Denver National Meeting. Regional Meetings and specialty conferences will use MAPS starting in January 2015.

The Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) is conducting a pilot program regarding a new type of recorded meeting content – three-to-five minute videos (ACS POD Shorts) that focus on the most notable aspects of a full-length presentation.

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) recommended, and the Council VOTED to dissolve, the Ocean County Local Section due to inactivity.

The Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) reported that, as of June 30, 2014, the total ACS membership was 158,869, a net increase of 512 since May of that year.

On the recommendation of the International Activities Committee (IAC), Council VOTED to approve the establishment of an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in South Africa.

Council approved, on the recommendation of the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols, a resolution welcoming the Consultative Committee for Amount of Substance: Metrology in Chemistry (CCQM) to co-locate its fall 2015 Committee meeting at the ACS fall National Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Action items on the agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting in Denver on March 25, 2015 include the following:

- Oral statements by four nominees for 2016 President –Elect and selection by Council of two candidates to go forward for vote by Society members.
- The Committee on Committees will seek Council approval for the continuance of the Committees on Ethics and Science.
- Council approval of the 2016 membership dues set at the inflation-adjusted rate of \$162.00
- Consideration of a petition to revise the Society bylaws regarding the procedure for Member Exclusion.
- A petition to establish a new chapter named the India International Chemical Sciences Chapter.
- A petition to establish a new chapter to be known as the Taiwan International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

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**Councilors, Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry**