

Report of Council Meeting Held on September 13, 2006 at the Grand Ballroom in the Hilton San Francisco in San Francisco, CA

The 232nd National Meeting of the ACS was held in San Francisco, CA from September 10-14, 2006. The Chicago section was represented by ten councilors and three alternate councilors. The councilors who attended for the section were: Roy Bible, Cherlyn Bradley, Charles Cannon, Mark Cesa, David Crumrine, Russell Johnson, Fran Kravitz, Claude Lucchesi, Barbara Moriarty and Marsha Anne Phillips. The alternate councilors representing the section were Susan Shih, Inara Brubaker and Herb Golinkin.

As is the custom, the council remembered past Chicago councilor Steve Sichak. The council also recognized Seymour Patinkin for his service on the Local Section Activities Committee and Fran Kravitz for her 15 years of service as a councilor.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that the Society is expected to end 2006 with a net contribution from operations of \$7.9 million, which is expected to be \$3.5 million favorable to the approved budget.

Governance: The council selected members for the Committee on Nominations and Elections, the Committee on Committees and the Council Policy Committee for 2007-2009. None of the Chicago Section councilors were running for election, and so no one from the section was elected. The candidates for District V director are John E. Adams and Judith L. Benham.

The Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Committee on International Activities subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Community Activities that its status be changed from an "other committee" of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee.

The Governance Review Task Force, appointed at the last meeting, generated 23 ideas following initial interaction with the Board, Council, Committees and other interested members. The 23 ideas were discussed and prioritized into three categories: to advance the idea as worthy of further consideration by the cognizant committee and/or interested groups; to refine the idea which will be sent back to the Governance Review Task Force for further consideration; or to place the idea in a "stop" category as an idea that will receive no further consideration as part of the governance review. Some of the ideas that were advanced include including student affiliates as members and eliminating the Associate member category, make all applicants with a science degree or work experience eligible for membership and providing additional staff support to local section volunteers. If you are interested in the full list of 23 ideas and the disposition of the 23 ideas, contact me.

Meetings and Expositions: The 232nd ACS national meeting attracted 15,603 registrants as of September 12, 2006. This included 3,350 students. The Committee on Meetings and Expositions reported that national meeting financial targets continue to be met, and therefore recommended to the Board of Directors that there be no increase in national meeting registration fees for 2007.

Economic and Professional Affairs: As of the end of Tuesday, there were 1202 job seekers at Chemjobs Career Center and 290 posted positions available from 104 employers. This was the largest number of employers at a national meeting in three years.

Safety: Volume 1 of the popular Safety in the Academic Chemistry Laboratories (SACL) is available in Spanish by downloading from the website: http://membership.acs.org/c/ccs/pubs/SACL_Spanish.htm.

Special Discussion Topic – Engaging the Future Leaders of Tomorrow, Today: The discussion focused on ensuring the American Chemical Society’s future by engaging younger members throughout the Society’s volunteer leadership. ACS President E. Ann Nalley framed the discussion by presenting the results of a councilor survey on the topic and many councilors offered useful comments and suggestions

If you have any questions and/or comments about the above actions, please contact me by email (bmoriarty@nalco.com).

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