

Report of Council Meeting Held on March 30, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel in Anaheim, CA

The 241st National Meeting of the ACS was held in Anaheim, CA from March 27 – 31, 2011. The theme of this meeting was “Chemistry of Natural Resources”. The Chicago Section was fully represented by Cherlyn Bradley, Charles Cannon, Mark Cesa, David Crumrine, Herb Golinkin, Russell Johnson, Fran Kravitz, Milt Levenberg, Barbara Moriarty, Stan Seelig and Susan Shih.

Finances: The Committee on Budget and Finance reported that, in spite of the economic challenges faced in 2010, the Society’s operating performance held up well. The Society’s total 2010 revenue (\$463.7 million) was up +0.8% from 2009, and was \$2.4 million higher than the 2010 budget. The Society’s Net Return from Operations was \$23.8 million, or \$11.9 million favorable to the 2010 approved budget: this was due in large part from cost containment initiatives and lower-than-budgeted salaries and fringe benefits.

The Council voted to set dues for 2012 at the fully escalated rate of \$148 using a formula that accounts for inflation.

Governance: The Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates from petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Meetings and Expositions: As of March 30, 2011, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 14,047 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 7,336; Students 4,682 Exhibitors 1,097; Exposition only 599; and Guests 333.

Membership: At the close of 2010, Society membership totaled 163,111, an increase over the end of 2009. In addition, due to increased efficiencies in recruiting, the net cost of recruiting new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 per member in 2010.

Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs: The committee continues to work towards meeting the changing employment needs of our members despite the highest unemployment rate for ACS members since 1970. The average unemployment time was reported to be 10.7 months. The career fair at the meeting had 795 job seekers, 39 employers and 182 jobs posted. Due to travel costs for both members and employers, a virtual career fair was held in November 2010 with 2513 job seekers, 26 employers and 196 jobs posted. Future virtual career fairs are planned.

Local Section Activities: The Council voted to change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section; this name change more closely reflects the combination of the territories of the two sections.

Division Activities: The Council voted to continue for three more years the current formula for determining allotments for divisions.

Petitions: The Council received one petition for consideration, involving position statements.

If you have any questions and/or comments about the above actions, please contact me or one of your other councilors. You may contact me by email (bmoriarty@nalco.com).

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