

## **Councilor's Report**

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The following summary is my report as Councilor to the Wichita Section of actions taken by the Council at the 243<sup>rd</sup> ACS National meeting in Denver, CO.

#### **ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

##### **Election Results**

- By electronic ballot, the Council selected Thomas J. Barton and Luis A. Echegoyen as candidates for 2013 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates from the list of nominees to represent District V on the Board of Directors for the term 2013-2015. John E. Adams and Peter K. Dorhout were selected as District V candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District V for election of its Director.

##### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for the 2013-2015 term: Carol A. Duane, Valerie J. Kuck, Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor, and Ingrid Montes. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

##### **Committee Review**

- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Project SEED. The Committee on Project SEED sets policy for all Project SEED programs, including review of Project SEED I and II program applications for student research projects, funding decisions, and Project SEED college scholarship applications.

##### **The Society's Finances**

- Despite the sluggish economy, ACS generated strong operating results in 2011. Total revenue was \$472.0 million, up +1.8% over 2010. The Net from Operations was \$20.9 million, or \$7.7 million favorable to budget. This result was attributable to better-than-expected performance by the ACS Publications Division and careful expense management across the Society. While operating results were favorable, Unrestricted Net Assets declined from \$130.5 million to \$102 million. The decline was primarily due to a sizable accounting charge related to the Society's closed postretirement benefit plans. ACS ended the year in compliance with four of the five Board-established financial guidelines.

## 2013 Member Dues

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2013 at the fully escalated rate of \$151. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

## Member Statistics

- Membership recruitment and retention efforts were very successful last year. The Society ended 2011 with 164,215 members – the highest number in Society history. 24,249 new members were elected into the Society – 16,092 Regular Members and 8,157 Undergraduate Members.

## Attendance Report

- As of March 28, 2012, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 16,921 registrants including 8,974 regular attendees and 5,742 students.

## Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct

- The Council VOTED to approve the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Society Committee on Education supported the recommendations from a task force to create a stand-alone association housed within ACS, supported by professional staff and governed by a volunteer board of association members.

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses presented on slides at the Council meeting. You will find the information noted on these sites helpful.

### Safety

[safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org) – email address for sharing ideas on “How can ACS best cultivate a culture of safety in US universities and colleges?”

[www.acs.org/safety](http://www.acs.org/safety) - information on the Committee on Chemical Safety including “Creating Safety Cultures in Academic Institutions”

### Employment/Careers

[www.acs.org/careers](http://www.acs.org/careers) - information on ACS career resources

[www.acs.org/ei](http://www.acs.org/ei) - information on the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative (Training and Resources)

### Local Section Resources

[www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved) : grant information, important deadlines, officer resources

[www.acs.org/forms](http://www.acs.org/forms): submit annual reports, record meetings, activities and events year round

[speakers@acs.org](mailto:speakers@acs.org): nominate speakers for the Online Speaker Directory