

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 253rd ACS National ACS Meeting in San Francisco, CA, 2017.

Actions of the Council

Election Results

Candidates for President-Elect, 2018

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2018: Bonnie A. Charpentier, Mark D. Frishberg, Anne M. Gaffney, and Willie E. May. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Bonnie A. Charpentier** and **Willie E. May** as **candidates for 2018 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2018-2020 terms: **Kenneth P. Fivizzani, Wayne E. Jones, Bonnie A. Lawlor, and Barbara A. Sawrey**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on or before October 1, 2017.

Other Council Actions

Amendments to the ACS Bylaws

- A recommendation by the Council Policy Committee to approve the Petition for the Removal of Officers and Councilors (Bylaw III, Sec. 1, i; Bylaw VII, Sec. 1, c; Bylaw VIII, Sec. 4, d) failed.
- The Council approved the Petition on the Rights of Affiliates (Bylaw II, Sec. 1, a, 2, a, 3, b, (3) and (4)).

Procedures for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor

- The Council voted to approve the Procedures for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor, contingent upon approval of the Petition for the Removal of Officers and Councilors. As the petition subsequently failed, given the interdependence of the petition and related procedures, the procedures will not take effect.

2018 Member Dues

- The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member **dues for 2018** at the fully escalated rate of **\$171**. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

- **Budget and Finance**

- In 2016, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$23.8 million, which was \$7.2 million higher than 2015. Total revenues were \$526.8 million, increasing 2.9% or \$15 million over 2015. Expenses ended the year at \$503 million, which was \$7.8 million or 1.6% higher than prior year. This was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the organization. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2016, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$163.3 million at December 31, 2015 to \$206.5 million at year-end 2016.
- Additional information can be found at www.acs.org. At bottom, click 'About ACS', then 'ACS Financial Information'. There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

- **Membership**

- As of December 31, 2016, the ACS membership was 156,129, which is 0.5% less than on the same date in 2015. The number of new members who joined in 2016 is 23,700. The Society's overall retention rate is 83.5%. The Committee on Membership Affairs also reported that the number of international members has increased to 27,388, exceeding the committee's target by 5%. Retention of graduate students increased by 2% to 76.2%.

- **San Francisco Meeting Attendance**

- As of Tuesday, April 4:

▪ Attendees	9,797
▪ Students	6,914
▪ Exhibitors	1,198
▪ Expo only	475
▪ Guest	466
▪ Total	18,850

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- **Petitions to Amend Constitution and Bylaws**

- New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 3 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the fall 2017 meeting in Washington, DC. Contact C&B with any questions or requests for information at bylaws@acs.org

- **Actions of the Board of Directors**

- As part of its ongoing commitment to consider the most important strategic issues facing the Society, the Board held a discussion and provided input to its Strategic Planning Committee on context setting and change drivers to be addressed during the strategic planning process.
- The Board is developing a statement based on the Society's Core Value of diversity and inclusion in response to the repeal of the North Carolina law known as House Bill 2 ('bathroom bill') and similar proposed legislation in Texas, and is assembling a representative group of stakeholders to advise it on actions relating to the location of Society meetings.