

Councilor's Report

September 10, 2011

Report on: ACS FALL 2011 NATIONAL MEETING – Denver, CO

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Denver, CO.

The meeting attracted approximately 10,000 attendees and an exposition of 412 booths.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2012 are:

Dennis Chamot

Marinda Li Wu

The following candidates for Director at Large for a 2012-2014 term are:

Ken B Anderson

William F. Carroll, Jr.

Charles E. Kolb

Barbara A. Sawrey

The Council elected to the Committee on Committees Rigoberto Hernandez, Helen A. Lawlor, Zaida C. Morales-Martinez, Howard M. Peters, and Sara J. Risch for the 2012-2014 term.

The Council elected to the Council Policy Committee Lawrence Barton, Peter C. Jurs, Mamie W. Moy, and Eleanor D. Siebert for the 2010-2014 term.

The Council elected to the Committee and Elections William H. Breazeale, Jr., Catherine C. Fenselau, Lydia E. Hines, Anne T. Obrien, and Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks for the 2012-2014 term.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 10,076. Of these, 6,088 were regular registrations, 1,000 were exhibitors, 2,376 were students, 394 were exposition only, and 218 guests. The exposition had 412 booths.

The Council voted to approve the Petition on Position Statements, which allows for clear and consistent position development for the Society. The petition assures that the Board of Directors has sole authority in issuing position statements that establish policy for the full Society; and that Society bodies other than the Board may issue statements on issues that fall solely in their jurisdiction so long as they do not impair other Society bodies' ability to do the same.

The Council voted to continue the joint Board-Council Committees on Community Activities and on Publications.

The Council voted to grant full division status to the previously probationary Division of Catalysis Science and Technology, and to approve the proposed bylaws of this division.

After a lively discussion, the Council voted 53% to 47% to dissolve the Division of Petroleum Chemistry and to combine its assets and members with those of the Division of Fuel Chemistry under the new name of the Division of Energy and Fuels.

Despite the challenging economy and continued high unemployment, the Society's overall membership number remains stable at near 163,000. The number of new undergraduate Student Members is growing rapidly, as of July 31, the total stands at 15,702. The committee is concentrating its efforts on retaining current members.

A special discussion was held at the Council meeting on how ACS can best cultivate a culture of safety in US universities and colleges. Devastating incidents in academic laboratories and observations by many that graduates do not have strong safety skills have elevated concerns about the safety culture in academia. Numerous suggestions were made by different Councilors.

ACS has created new programs to assist unemployed members and new resources for all members, from students to seasoned professionals. The first ever fully integrated onsite and virtual career fair in Denver offered job seekers and virtual participants via webcam the opportunity to interact with each other and to connect with prospective employers and programs to sharpen their career skills. The number of employers was up from Anaheim.

Because networking is especially important in a down economy, CEPA and ACS Career Services co-sponsored the largest networking event in ACS history. The ACS Global Networking Reception allowed Denver attendees and others to attend a seminar entitled “Networking 101 – Making Your Contacts Count,” and then practice networking with local sections, student chapters, international chapters, and individuals all over the world joined electronically.

The Presidential Task Force on Innovation and Job Creation released their report, entitled “Innovation, Chemistry & Jobs.” The report contained four recommendations to stimulate innovation and job creation in the US chemical industry. The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs(CEPA) and Corporation Associates co-sponsored a new program funding request to establish an entrepreneurial initiative, which would implement two of the four recommendations. First, it establishes an educational program to guide budding entrepreneurs through the creation of new businesses. Second, it supports the formation of new chemical companies by providing access to the unparalleled informational resources of the Society, as well as other professional resources .The initiative was approved by the Board, and will be implemented early next year.

CEPA is also working with ACS President Nancy Jackson, members of the Board, and other committees on the “Paying It Forward” campaign. Dr. Jackson kicked off the campaign with her comment in the August 8 issue of C&EN, emphasizing the need for, and importance of members helping members. She asks each of the Society’s more than 163,000 members to help unemployed members by taking specific action now. Dr. Jackson’s comment will be followed by four other C&EN comments.

The Chair of the Board gave an update on the Leadscope case. She reported previously that ACS had appealed to the Ohio State Supreme Court and that the Court has agreed to hear the case. In written briefs filed in support of the Society’s position (that the lower court rulings were both unfair and unconstitutional), ACS has been joined by several prestigious organizations. In April, the Leadscope defendants filed two motions seeking to dismiss the Society’s appeal. In June, the Ohio Supreme Court denied their motions and has scheduled oral arguments for September 7 in Columbus, Ohio.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), the Board voted to approve an advance registration fee of \$360 for national meetings held in 2012. The Board also considered several program funding requests, and on the recommendation of B&F voted to reauthorize funding for inclusion in the 2012 proposed budget for the following programs:

- ACS Fellows
- ACS Leadership
- ACS Scholars
- ACS Global Research Experiences, Exchanges, and Training Program(GREET)

The Board also voted as recommended by B&F, to include funding in the 2012 and 2013 budget for a new program – the ACS Entrepreneurship Initiative.

The Board voted, as recommended by B&F, to allow reimbursement for travel costs to committee meetings held during the ACS national meetings for non-councilor committee members at the rate of 50% of the Councilor travel reimbursement, effective in 2012.

The Board voted to approve a resolution in memory of former Board member C. Gordon McCarty (a former councilor from Pittsburgh Section).

The Pittsburgh Section of the ACS received two awards from the 13th Annual ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony.

- Outstanding Project SEED Program Award
- Outstanding On-going National Chemistry Week Event

Submitted by Pittsburgh Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), James Manner, Michael Mautino, Robert Mathers (Alternate Councilor).

Councilor's Report

April 1, 2011

Report on: ACS SPRING 2011 NATIONAL MEETING – Anaheim, CA

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Anaheim, CA.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2012 are:

- Dennis Chamot
- Marinda Li Wu

The candidates for Director at Large for a 2012-2014 term are:

- Ken B Anderson
- William F. Carroll, Jr.
- Charles E. Kolb
- Barbara A. Sawrey

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,047. Of these, 7,336 were regular registrations, 1,097 were exhibitors, 4,682 were students, 599 were exposition only, and 333 guests. The exposition had 271 companies represented in 417 booths. The employment bureau had 795 job candidates, 39 employers and 182 jobs available.

Council votes:

- To amend the charter of the Committee on Technician Affairs to include updated terminology.
- To set the member dues for 2012 at the fully escalated rate of \$148. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.
- To change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section. This name change is due to the recent merger of the North Central Oklahoma Section and its territories into the Northeast Oklahoma Section. The proposed name change more closely reflects the combined territories of the two Sections.
- To continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to divisions.
- To authorize the formation of the following two new international chemical sciences chapters: the Shanghai International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Thailand International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

The Council was reminded of grant deadlines from the Committee on Local Section Activities as follows:

- Science Café Grants –Ongoing
- Bridging the Gap: Student Member Grant – December 1
- Bridging the Gap: IYC Grant – June 1
- Innovative Project Grants – June 30
- Joint LSAC/IAC International Interaction Grant - TBA

Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111.

The Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports updated the Board on the Activities of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's General Counsel.

The General Counsel report included an update on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. ACS's appeal, which is supported by several prominent Ohio organizations and the Ohio Attorney General, has been accepted by the Ohio Supreme Court, and is under review by that body. As a follow-up to the Publications report, the Board voted to approve three editor reappointments to ACS journals.

The American Chemical Society and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (a federation of 28 chemical societies of countries and territories in the Asia Pacific) agreed to a three-year collaboration alliance characterized by mutual benefits, impact, and commitment to cooperation in service to chemical scientists, engineers and professionals represented by the respective organizations. The signing of this memorandum of understanding took place during a special ceremony at the Board's regular sessions.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), James Manner, Michael Mautino, Joseph Jolson (Alternate Councilor).

Report on: ACS FALL 2010 NATIONAL MEETING – Boston, MA

Three of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Boston, MA.

The meeting attracted over 14,000 attendees and an exposition of 451 booths.

The candidates for President-Elect for 2011 are:

Luis A Echegoyen
Bassam Z. Shakhashiri

The candidates for Director of District II 2011-2013 are:

George M. Bodner
Joseph R. Peterson

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,059. Of these, 8,211 were regular registrations, 1,492 were exhibitors, 3,230 were students, 733 were exposition only, and 393 guests. The exposition had 329 companies represented in 451 booths.

The Pittsburgh Section of the ACS was nominated for three awards for 2009 and was recognized at the ChemLuminary Awards Program. The Section was nominated for the following:

- Outstanding New Local Section Younger Chemists Committee
- Outstanding Community Involvement in National Chemistry Week
- Outstanding On-Going National Chemistry Week Event

The Pittsburgh Section won the Award for Outstanding Community Involvement in National Chemistry Week.

The Council elected the following for Membership on the Committee on Committees for the 2011-2013 term: Janet L. Bryant, H.N.Cheng, Amber S. Hinkle, V. Michael Mautino, and Yorke E. Rhodes.

The Council elected the following for Membership on the Council Policy Committee for the 2011-2013 term: John E. Adams, Alan M. Ehrlich, Mary Virginia Orna, and Dorothy J. Phillips.

The Council elected the following for Membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections for the 2011-2013 term: Jeannette E. Brown, Martha L. Casey, D. Richard Cobb, Lissa Dulany, and Angela K. Wilson.

The Council received one amendment to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Recorded Votes. The Council voted to approve the Petition on Recorded Votes. This petition provides for additional voting methods. e.g., electronic clickers that have been recently used at Council meetings, when conducting recorded votes.

As part of a regular performance review, The Council voted to continue the Committee on Science.

The Council voted to change the territory of the Northeast Oklahoma Local Section to include all members residing in the North Central Oklahoma Local Section territory. The North Central Oklahoma Local Section will be dissolving on December 31, 2010 because its membership has fallen below the minimum requirement.

The Council voted to change the territory of the Binghamton Local Section to include the Norwich Local Section, which will dissolve on December 31, 2010 because its membership also has fallen below the minimum membership requirement.

The 2010 Membership numbers are on track to meet year-end goals. The Student Member community has continued to grow since creation of this new member category in June 2009. The number of Student Members was 12,815 as of July 31, 2010.

A special discussion was held at the Council meeting concerning a proposal to move Council meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. Councilors concluded their discussion with a straw poll that showed 128 are supportive of the proposed move of Council to Tuesdays, 225 opposed the move, and 56 are undecided. The Council Policy Committee and the Board of Directors will decide by spring 2011 whether the Council should move from Wednesday to Tuesday.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve an advance member registration fee of \$355 for national meetings held in 2011. The Board also considered three program funding requests, and on the recommendation of B&F voted to take the following actions:

- to include funding for the ACS Global Research Experiences, Exchanges and Training (GREET) program in the Society's 2011 Proposed Budget;
- to include funding for the State Government Affairs Program in the Society's 2011 Proposed Budget and 2012-2013 Forecast; and
- to include funding for the Department of Professional Education in the 2011 Proposed Budget and the 2012-2013 Forecast, subject to annual review. (The Department of Professional Education request was treated as a new program request rather than a reauthorization because the focus of the program is being redirected to a customized electronic format.

The American Chemical Society and the German Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker-GDCh) agreed to enter a three-year collaboration alliance with a strategic focus on communicating the value of chemistry to the general public and the role of chemistry plays in addressing global challenges, as well as to identify and support other mutually beneficial services to ACS and GDCh. The signing of this memorandum of understanding took place during a special ceremony at the Board's regular session.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Michelle Coffman (Alternate), Richard S. Danchik (Author), James Manner

Report on: ACS SPRING 2010 NATIONAL MEETING – San Francisco, CA

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at San Francisco, CA.

The meeting attracted over 17,000 attendees and an exposition of 387 booths.

The candidates for President-Elect for 2011 are:

Luis A Echegoyen

Bassam Z. Shakhashiri

The candidates for Director of District II 2011-2013 are:

George M. Bodner

Joseph R. Peterson

The candidates for Director of District IV 2011-2013 are:

Larry K. Krannich

Will E. Lynch

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 18,076. Of these, 9,715 were regular registrations, 1,219 were exhibitors, 5,705 were students, 923 were exposition only, and 514 guests. The exposition had 257 companies represented in 387 booths.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for a 2011-2013 term: Janan M. Hayes, Robert L. Lichter, Kathleen M. Schultz, and Kent J. Voorhees. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted this fall.

The Council received three amendments to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Admissions Committee, the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition, and the Petition on Election Timelines 2009.

The Council voted to approve the Petition on Admissions Committee. This petition removes the Admission Committee from the Bylaws and transfers its functions to the Council Committee on Membership Affairs.

After considerable debate, a motion to approve the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition failed. The Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition would have amended the Constitution to emphasize that candidates selected by a petition process from members will have no further screening.

The Council also thoroughly debated the merits of the Petition on Election Timelines 2009. The motion to approve this petition failed. The Petition on Election Timelines 2009 would have shortened certain national election timelines.

The Council and Board of Directors learned that the Society's total 2009 revenue (\$460 million) was up +1% from 2008, but fell short of the 2009 approved budget by \$19.5 million or 4.1%. Fortunately, the revenue shortfall was fully anticipated in early 2009. Therefore, contingency planning actions and cost containment initiatives were implemented across the Society, resulting in expense savings totaling \$22.5 million. Significant reductions were realized in salaries and fringe benefits, and in discretionary accounts such as travel, training, and professional services. As a result, the Society's Net Return from Operations was \$13.7 million, or \$3.0 million greater than anticipated in the 2009 Approved Budget.

Unrestricted Net Assets rebounded in 2009 to approximately \$124 million, from a previous \$60 million at the end of 2008. The significant increase can be attributed to the favorable operating results, investment gains, and

a net reduction in the Society's post-retirement benefit plan liabilities. The Society ended the year in compliance with four of the five Board-established financial guidelines. The Fund Balance Ratio Guideline, which measures the adequacy of the Society's unrestricted net assets, was not met. The financial outlook for 2010 is better, and ACS management expects the Society to meet the 2010 approved budget.

The Council voted to set the members dues for 2011 at the fully escalated rate of \$146. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Council voted to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to local sections.

At the close of 2009, Society membership totaled 161,783 compared to 154,024 for year-end 2008. The number of new membership applications received last year was the highest ever. The 2009 number also reflects the transition of 6,658 former Student Affiliates to the new student member category in June 2009 and the recruitment of 6,341 new student member undergraduates

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors :Richard S. Danchik (Author), James Manner, Joseph Jolson (Alternate Councilor)

Report on: ACS FALL 2009 NATIONAL MEETING – Washington D.C.

Four of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Washington D.C.

The meeting attracted over 14,000 attendees and an exposition of 453 booths.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2010 are:

Nancy B. Jackson, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM
Cheryl A. Martin, Rohm and Hass Company, Philadelphia PA
Mary Virginia Orna, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY

The following candidates for Directors at Large for 2010-2012 are:

Dennis Chamot, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
H.N.Cheng, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Delaware, NJ
Ray A. Dickie, Consultant, North Carolina
Valerie J. Kuck, Bell Laboratories (Retired), North Jersey, NJ
Howard M Peters, Retired, Peters, Verny, LLP, Palo Alto, CA

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,319. Of these, 8,575 were regular registrations, 1,447 were exhibitors, 3,159 were students, 676 were exposition only, and 462 guests. The exposition had 307 companies represented in 453 booths.

The Council elected by electronic ballot:

- To the Committee on Committees G. Bryan Balazs, Dawn A. Brooks, Les W. McQuire, Ingrid Montes and Frankie K. Wood-Black for the 2010 -2012 term.
- To the Council Policy Committee by electronic ballot: M. Elizabeth Derrick, Thomas R. Gilbert, Willem R. Leenstra, and Carolyn Ribes for the 2010-2012 term.
- To the Committee on Nominations and Elections by electronic ballot: Dwight W. Chasar, Milagros Delgado, Kevin J. Edgar, Sharon P. Shoemaker, and Ellen B. Stechel for the 2010-2012 term.

The Council voted to recommit the petition to the Committee on Nominations and Elections on Election Timelines and Procedures and Candidate Selection by Member Petition for review using the suggestions generated during the discussion by Council.

The Council voted to continue the Committees on Chemical Safety, Minority Affairs, Chemical Abstracts, Technician Affairs and Analytical Reagents. Continuing the first three committees requires Board of Directors concurrence.

The Provisions of the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements were fully implemented this past June with the transfer of former Student Affiliates to Student Member status, and Associate Members to regular status. As of July 31, the Society had 9,732 Student Members- 6500 of them former Student Affiliates and more than 3,000 of them new Student Members.

On recommendation of DAC, as recommended by TECH, the Council voted to disband the Division of Chemical Technicians effective December 31, 2009. DAC agreed that TECH has accomplished its mission of enhancing the status of technicians in the American Chemical Society, and now they are integrated into the other technical divisions.

The Council voted to accept changes to charter bylaws for new local sections and international chemical sciences chapters, and bylaws for divisions in probationary status. These changes which were developed in cooperation with the Committees on Divisional Activities, Local Section Activities, and the International

Activities, are a result of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws made as a result of the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements, which became effective on June 30.

The Pittsburgh Section was nominated for five awards at the ChemLuminary Award Celebration. The Pittsburgh Section received two awards: 1) Best New Public Relations Program of a Local Section and 2) Outstanding Event for a Specific Audience.

The Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations announced the designation of “Dip-and read Tests for Blood and Urine Glucose” (work of Al and Helen Free) as a National Historic Chemical landmark.

The Board of Directors voted to fund a new program (Science Coaches) and to reauthorize an existing program (ACS Green Chemistry Institute) in the 2010 budget.

The Board voted to approve an action recommended by the Committee on Professional & Member Relations to accept with minor revisions the key terms contained in a draft Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the ACS and the Royal Society of Chemistry. The MOU: a) offers an opportunity for the ACS and the RSC to develop and distribute a “primer,” both in hard-copy and electronic format, to provide the wider population with a basic understanding of the chemistry underlying issues related to sustainability; b) provides a series of joint seminars in the UK, US and elsewhere with participation by scientists, media, and decision-makers to focus on sustainability; c) supports collaboration on activities that train scientists to address issues relating to sustainability and other global challenges in non-technical, readily understandable communications.

In view of the ongoing global recession and its impact of the Society’s finances, the Board received an update on the Society’s current financial position and the projected financial performance for 2009. The Society is projected to end the year with a net contribution from operations of \$11.2 million, or \$528,000 favorable to the 2009 approved budget. The favorable projection is largely the result of Contingency Plan actions and expense management initiatives implemented in early 2009, which are expected to fully offset revenue shortfalls in the Approved Budget across several categories.

The Board received a briefing from its Chair on her recent meeting with International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) leaders and plans for the International Year of Chemistry-2011 (IYOC-2011). He Board was also briefed by International leaders from the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS), the German Chemical Society, the Korean Chemical Society, the Mexican Chemical Society on their strategic directions and on their plans for IYOC-2011.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino, James Manner, Michelle Blanken (Alternate Councilor)

Report on: ACS SPRING 2009 NATIONAL MEETING – Salt Lake City, Utah

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Salt Lake City.

The meeting attracted over 10,000 attendees and an exposition of 328 booths.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2010 are:

Nancy B. Jackson, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM
Cheryl A. Martin, Rohm and Hass Company, Philadelphia PA

The following candidates for Directors at Large for 2010-2012 are:

Dennis Chamot, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
H.N.Cheng, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Delaware, NJ
Ray A. Dickie, Consultant, North Carolina
Valerie J. Kuck, Bell Laboratories (Retired), North Jersey, NJ

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 10,668. Of these, 5,781 were regular registrations, 780 were exhibitors, 3,439 were students, 411 were exposition only, and 257 guests. The exposition had 228 companies represented in 356 booths.

The Council elected to the Council Policy Committee, Roland F. Hirsch to fill a vacancy created by a committee member's resignation. The Council also elected to the Committee on Nominations, Robert A Pribush to fill a vacancy created by a committee member's resignation.

The Council approved an increase of five dollars to \$145 for the 2010 membership dues.

The Council voted to approve the Professional Employment Guidelines, as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. These guidelines offer a broad spectrum of recommended practices in employment for professional scientists and their employers.

The Council voted to permit the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs to amend a portion of its charge from: "a. Identify and analyze legislative, regulatory, research and other science policy issues that impact upon the chemical sciences and technologies" to "a. Identify and analyze legislative; regulatory; research; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education funding; and other science policy issues that impact upon the chemical sciences and technologies.

At the close of 2008, Society membership totaled 154,024, compared to 160,052 for year-end 2007. The year-end 2008 membership numbers reflect a drop in membership of approximately 2% due to the economy and a correction to the counts of 2,589 Emeritus members whom ACS has not been able to reach for many years. Compared to its sister societies, ACS experienced a smaller loss of members in 2008.

The Council and Board of Directors received extensive briefings on the Society's finances which showed that in spite of the economic challenges faced in 2008, the Society's operating performance held up well. Total revenue was approximately \$450 million, up just over 3% from 2007. The Society's Net from Operations was \$9.7 million, and \$560,000 favorable to budget. This is the fifth consecutive year of positive operating results.

However, in 2008 ACS was adversely impacted by the historic collapse in the capital markets, which resulted in a sharp decline in the Society's unrestricted net assets from \$212 million at December 31, 2007, to \$60 million at December 31, 2008. There were two factors driving this decrease, both related to the poor

performance in the capital markets. These are substantial investment losses and a sizable increase in pension liability from the Society's Defined Benefit Pension Plan. For this and other reasons, action was taken in 2007 to close the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, and, in 2008, to freeze benefit accruals for all Defined Benefit Pension Plan participants in 2009.

It is in this context that the Board received a detailed briefing from management at this meeting on the framework of the 2009 Contingency Plan. The updated 2009 Plan covers all operating and administrative units as well as member programs, and identifies new and emerging threats. ACS management has also updated the mitigation strategies to respond to the treats and ensure the Society's long-term financial sustainability.

Society management and the Board of Directors are closely monitoring financial performance versus the budget. In addition, significant reductions in discretionary spending have already been implemented and additional cost control measures are under consideration. However, despite the adverse impact of the economic downturn, the Society remains highly liquid with more than \$275 million in cash and investments, and limited debt of \$30 million.

A special discussion item was again put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Thomas H. Lane invited the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs to present the results of a Councilor survey as a preface to the discussion on what can ACS do to attract new members while better serving our membership during these challenging economic times. Following the presentation, President Lane led Councilors in a lively discussion that focused on the value of ACS membership and on the growth opportunities among students, international scientists, high school teachers, technicians, diverse ethnic groups and others.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino, James Manner

Report on: ACS FALL 2008 NATIONAL MEETING – Philadelphia, PA

All four of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Philadelphia.

The meeting attracted over 14,000 attendees and an exposition of 511 booths.

The candidates for President-Elect for 2009 are:

Joseph S. Francisco, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Josef Michl, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO

The candidates for Directors at Large for 2009-2011 are:

William F. Carroll, Jr., Occidental Chemical Corp., Dallas, TX
Richard L. Deming, California State University-Fullerton, Fullerton, CA
Thomas R. Gilbert, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Marinda Li Wu, Science is Fun! Orinda, CA

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,026. Of these, 8,198 were regular registrations, 1,768 were exhibitors, 3,095 were students, 505 were exposition only, and 470 guests. The exposition had 357 companies represented in 511 booths.

The Pittsburgh Section won a Chem-Luminary Award for Project Seed Program.

The Council elected to the Council Policy Committee Ray A. Dickie, Bonnie A. Lawlor, Mamie W. Moy and Eleanor D. Siebert for the 2009-2011 term. The Council also elected to the Committee on Nominations W.H.(Jack) Breazeale, Jr., Peter K. Dorhout, Catherine C. Fenselau, Peter C. Jurs, and Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks for the 2009-2011 term; Angela K. Wilson for the 2009-2010 term; and Dwight W. Chasar for the remainder of a 1007-2009 term.

The Council elected to the Committee on Committees Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, Rigoberto Hernandez, James M. Landis, Howard M. Peters and Sara J. Risch for the 2009-2011 term.

The Council approved an increase of ten dollars for the 2009 national meetings advanced registration fee.

The Council voted to accept the Petition on Society Affiliate Dues. The petition raises Society Affiliate dues to be equal to the (full) membership dues, while specifying that Society Affiliates are not subject to any of the discounts otherwise applicable to membership dues. To be valid, the petition next must be confirmed by the Board of Directors within 90 days, and will become effective five months following confirmation.

The Council voted to continue the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, and the Committee on Patents and Related Matters.

In 2007, the number of paid new members nominated by current ACS members was 1,559. Currently, there are 988 pain new member applications. The Society's Member-Get-a-Member program is on track to have its best year ever.

The Council voted, as recommended by the Division Activities Committee (DAC), to accept a revised division funding (allocation) formula. DAC reported that the formula improves clarity, offers simplicity, and rewards collaborative programming between divisions. The change will take effect in 2009 for 2008 activities.

A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda by President Bruce Bursten. The discussion focused on Achieving Sustainability (e.g., Energy, Water, Food): What can/should ACS do to address this key global scientific challenge? To kick off the discussion, ACS Board Chair Judy Benham invited Council to participate in identifying the challenges and developing solutions. She highlighted new and ongoing activities, such as the Global Challenges/Chemistry Solutions podcasts and related information, available online at www.acs.org/globalchallenges. She also sought Council input on member involvement and ACS programming in support of Goal #3 of the Strategic Plan: “ACS will be a global leader in enlisting the world’s scientific professionals to address, through chemistry, the challenges facing our world.” Councilors engaged in a robust exchange, offering several useful comments and suggestions to address how the Society might develop initiatives to address sustainability of the world’s resources, including energy, water, and food. Councilors and others who have ideas should send them to strategicplan@acs.org.

The Board of Directors voted to approve funding requests for the ACS Leadership Development System and ACS Green Chemistry Institute in the 2009 budget, and to accept the 2008 report from the Program Review Advisory Group, as amended.

Submitted by the Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Mark Bier, Richard S. Danchik (Author), James Manner, Michael Mautino