

August 26, 2016

**Report on: ACS FALL 2016 NATIONAL MEETING – Philadelphia, PA**

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in Philadelphia.

The meeting attracted approximately 12,800 attendees and an exposition of 432 booths.

The Candidates for President- Elect, 2017 are:

Peter K. Dorhout and Thomas R. Gilbert

By Internet Ballot, the Councilors from District II selected George M. Bodner and Christina C. Bodurow as Director District II candidates for the Term of 2017-2019. Ballots will be distributed on September 29, 2016 to all ACS members in the District II for election of a Director.

The Council elected Harmon B Abrahamson, Lissa A. Dulany, Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks and Sally B. Peters for a 2017-2019 term, Martin D. Rudd for a 2017-2018 term, and Karl S. Booksh and Ella L. Davis for a one-year term, 2017 on the Council Policy Committee.

The Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, Thomas H. Lane, Amber S. Hinkle, Alan M. Ehrlich and Alan A. Hazari for a 2017-2019 term and Neil D. Jespersen for a one-year term, 2017, on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

The Council elected Wayne E. Jones, Jr., D. Richard Cobb, Stephanie J. Watson, Dee Ann Casteel, and Emilio X. Esposito for three year terms, 2017-2019, on the Committee on Committees.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 12,800. Of these, 7,437 were regular registrations, 1,181 were exhibitors, 3,249 were students, 613 were exposition only, and 320 guests. The exposition had 432 booths with 300 companies. The meeting had over 9,000 papers presented.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, the Council voted to approve the continuation of the Committee on Analytical Reagents, and the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

The Council voted to approved a petition from the Permian Basin Local Section to annex the Texas counties of Pecos and Brewster, and the petition from the Upper Peninsula Local Section to annex unassigned and adjacent territory, and one Michigan county (Menominee) now currently assigned to the Northwest Wisconsin Local Section.

The Council approved a petition to amend the ACS Bylaws to extend the Unemployment Members' Dues Waiver, which will extend waivers for unemployment members' dues from the current two years to three years, subject to the confirmation by the Board of Directors.

The Council approved the “Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct”, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

The Council approved the “Bylaws for Divisions in Probationary Status” and the “Charter Bylaws for New Local Sections”.

Council approved the establishment of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Greater Beijing, Southwestern China, and Iraq, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

The Council conducted a special discussion to gather input on proposed recommendations from the ACS Presidential Task Force on the U.S. Employment of Chemists. Councilors were invited to share their thoughts, comments, and suggestions on the proposed suggestions to date, in preparation for the report’s expected release later this year.

The Society’s 2016 Probable 1 Budget calls for a Net from Operations of \$17.3 million. This is \$3.9 million higher than the Approved Budget but only \$723,000 higher than 2015. Total revenues are projected to be \$528.8 million, essentially on budget, and 3.3% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$511.5 million, which is 0.6% favorable to budget, and 3.3% higher than 2015.

The Board approved funding requests for 2017 for the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry, the ChemIDP Program, and the International Student Chapter Program.

The Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee of \$445 for national meetings held in 2017.

The Pittsburgh Section was nominated for four awards at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony. The Pittsburgh Section won the Outstanding Regional Meeting for the 2014 Central Regional Meeting (CERM). The Pittsburgh Section also won for the Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience. Congratulations to the Section and the committed volunteers who work so hard to implement new ideas and provide outstanding programs for the Pittsburgh Area.

Pittsburgh Section  
Councilors

Respectfully submitted,  
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