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**Report on: ACS FALL 2017 NATIONAL MEETING – Washington D.C.**

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

The meeting attracted approximately 12,904 attendees and an exposition of 421 booths.

The Candidates for President- Elect, 2018 are:

Bonnie A Charpentier and Willie E. May

The Council elected Karl S. Bookish, Mark D. Frishberg, Zalda C. Morales Martinez and Linette M. Watkins for three year terms (2018-2020) and Ella L. Davis for a one-year term (2018) on the Council Policy Committee.

The Council elected Michael Appell, Neil D. Jespersen, Mamie W. Moy, Eleanor D. Siebert, and Julianne M. D. Smist for three year terms (2018-2020) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

The Council elected Mitchell R. Bruce, Jetty Duffy-Matzner, Martha G. Hollomon, Diane Krone and Robert A. Pribush for three year terms (2018-2020) on the Committee on Committees.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 12,904. Of these, 7,938 were regular registrations, 1,068 were exhibitors, 2,997 were students, 475 were exposition only, and 426 guests. The exposition had 421 booths with 282 companies. The meeting had over 9,000 papers presented.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Sections, the Council approved a petition from the South Jersey Local Section to annex the unassigned and adjacent territory of Ocean County, New Jersey.

The Council defeated a proposal from the Committee Divisional Activities that it establish a probationary Division of Space Chemistry, effective January 1, 2018.

A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that Council approve the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters narrowly failed to achieve the two-thirds majority required to amend the Bylaws. The proposal would have amended Bylaw IX, Section 4, to permit financial support for International Chemical Sciences Chapters and to remove language from the By-laws prohibiting Chapters from having representation on Council.

The Society's 2017 Probable 1 Projection calls for a Net from Operations of \$25.3 million. This is \$2.1 million favorable to the Approved Budget and \$1.6 million higher

than 2016. Total revenues are projected to be \$553.0 million, which is \$2.4 million unfavorable to the budget, but 5.0% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$527.6 million, which is \$4.5 million favorable to the budget, and 4.5% higher than 2016.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2018 at \$475, and to authorize two new program funding requests: an ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety, and a New Faculty Workshop Series.

The Pittsburgh Section of the ACS was recognized at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony for the Outstanding On-Going National Chemistry Week Event. Also, the Pittsburgh Section was nominated for three other awards: Outstanding Public Outreach Event Organized by a Student Group; Outstanding Community Involvement in National Chemistry Week; and Outstanding Performance by a Local Section- Large Size Category. Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Section and the volunteers that make it happen.

Pittsburgh Section  
Councilors

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