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Report on: ACS SPRING 2018 NATIONAL MEETING – New Orleans, LA

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in New Orleans.

The meeting attracted approximately 16,585 attendees and an exposition of 370 booths.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the four nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2019. The Council selected Luis A. Echegoyen and Thomas R. Gilbert as Candidates for the 2019 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 selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for 2019-2021 terms: Frank D. Blum, Lee H. Latimer, Ingrid Montes, and Angela W. Peters. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that Susan M. Schelble will fill a vacancy on the Committee on Committees (ConC) for a full two-year term (2018-2019).

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 16,585. Of these, 8,470 were regular registrations, 877 were exhibitors, 6,432 were students, 301 were exposition only, and 505 guests. The exposition had 270 booths with 231 companies. The meeting had over 13,000 papers presented.

The Council approved Petition on the Composition of Society Committees which will change the requirements for Councilors on Society Committees from at least two thirds (2/3) to a majority, and remove the requirement the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Society Committee must be Councilors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, that the Committee on Ethics be continued; and that the committees on Publications and on Younger Chemists be continued contingent on approval of the Board of Directors.

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member dues for 2019 at the fully escalated rate of \$175. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

In 2017 ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$28.6 million, which was \$4.8 million higher than 2016. Total revenues were \$553.1 million, increasing 5.0% or \$26.4 million over 2016. Expenses ended the year at \$524.5 million, which was \$21.6 million or 4.3% higher than prior year. This was attributable to strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

The ACS ended 2017 with over 150,000 members. While this means that ACS remains the world's largest scientific society, this number represents a continuing decline in overall membership for the sixth year in a row.

The Board of ACS approved a resolution that recognizes and applauds the United Nations for proclaiming 2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table, and pledged that the Society will do its utmost to recognize and participate in events celebrating this important milestone and achievement.

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