

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

### Report on: ACS 235<sup>rd</sup> ACS NATIONAL MEETING, New Orleans, LA, April 6-10, 2008

Two ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors and two Pittsburgh Section Alternate Councilors were in attendance at the New Orleans Meeting. Below are highlights from the meeting.

#### ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

##### **Election Results**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2009: Thomas J. Barton, R. Stephen Berry, Joseph S. Francisco, and Josef Michl. By written ballot, the Council selected Joseph S. Francisco and Josef Michl as candidates for 2009 President-Elect. These two candidates will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates from the list of nominees to represent District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2009-2011. Nominees for District III included: Pat N. Confalone, Alan B. Cooper, Catherine C. Fenselau, and Judith A. Summers-Gates. Nominees for District VI included Bonnie A. Charpentier, Gary D. Christian, David M. Dooley, and Dennis L. Lichtenberger. By mail ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Pat N. Confalone and Alan B. Cooper as District III candidates; and as District VI candidates, Bonnie A. Charpentier and Dennis L. Lichtenberger. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District III and District VI for election of a Director from each District.

##### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2009-2011 term: William F. Carroll, Jr., Richard L. Deming, Thomas R. Gilbert, and Marinda Li Wu. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

##### **Petitions**

(For Action)

- The Council received three amendments to the ACS Bylaws (Petitions) for action: the Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director, the Petition on Election Procedures 2006, Part 2, and the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements.
  - The Council VOTED to approve the Petition on Election Procedures for President Elect and District Director. This petition seeks to make the balloting procedure more uniform and to avoid the complications and expense of run-off elections.
  - The Council engaged in a lively debate on the Petition on Election Procedures 2006, Part 2, and entertained two motions: a motion to recommit and a motion for a recorded vote. Both motions failed. The Council ultimately VOTED by a show of hands to approve the Petition on Election Procedures 2006, Part 2. This petition standardizes election processes for President-Elect and all Director positions based on percentages of voting members, and increases the number of required signatures.
  - The Council also debated the merits of the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements and ultimately VOTED to approve this petition via a recorded vote. This petition broadens qualifications for membership and creates a new category of student membership. The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petitions. The Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements contains

changes to the ACS Constitution, and not just the Bylaws. Therefore, these changes must be approved by ACS members in the fall to be valid.

(For Consideration)

- The Council received one petition for consideration: the Petition on Society Affiliate Dues. This petition sets Society Affiliate dues equal to the (full) membership dues, and not subject to any of the discounts otherwise applicable to membership dues. Action is expected on the petition at the fall national meeting.

(Withdrawn)

- The Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures was withdrawn. This petition offers resolutions for handling tie votes in Councilor or Alternate Councilor elections in a local section or division.

### **2009 Member Dues**

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2009 at the fully escalated rate of \$140. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

### **The Society's Finances**

- The Society ended 2007 with a net from operations of \$9.6 million, which was \$2.2 million favorable to the approved budget. This was based on total revenues of \$444.2 million and total expenses of \$434.6 million. The Society ended the year in full compliance with the Board established financial guidelines.

### **Attendance Report**

- As of April 9, 2008, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 13,302 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 6,681; Students 4,659; Exhibitors 1,156; Exposition only 374; and Guests 432.

### **Revision of the Division Funding Formula**

- After considerable discussion, the Council VOTED to recommit the revised division funding formula, as presented by the Divisional Activities Committee, to the committee for further action at the fall national meeting.

### **Local Section Name Change**

- The Council VOTED to change the name of the University of Kansas Local Section to the Wakarusa Valley Local Section. Although many of the section's members work for the University of Kansas, supporters said that the geographically and occupationally diverse interests of the members would be much better represented under the name Wakarusa Valley Local Section.

### **Member Statistics**

- At the close of 2007, Society membership totaled 160,052, despite a net loss of 439 members at the end of the year. Also, 2007 recorded the second highest number of new applications – 16,533.

### **Academic Professional Guidelines**

- The Council VOTED to approve the Academic Professional Guidelines as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. These guidelines apply to those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry.

## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Committees Actions**

- The Board received reports from the Committees on Grants and Awards, Public Affairs and Public Relations, Professional and Member Relations, and Budget and Finance. On the recommendation of these committees, the Board took the following actions:
  - As presented by the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board received a report on the screened list of candidates for the 2009 Priestley Medal, Volunteer Service Award and Parsons Award. The Board agreed to announce the winners of these three awards after its June meeting.
  - On the recommendation of the Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, the Board VOTED to approve the tagline “Chemistry for Life” as the central theme of the Communications Strategic Plan and for use on appropriate Society materials.
  - On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board VOTED to adopt the ACS Diversity Partners Program – a three-year pilot program designed to broaden participation in the chemical sciences among diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups.
  - On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board VOTED to support having the Committee on Education (SOCED) pursue the US hosting of the International Chemistry Olympiad in 2012.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Mark Bier, Michelle Blanken (Alternate), Richard S. Danchik, Jim Manner, Michael Mautino (Author), Almudena Prudencio (Alternate)

### Report on: ACS FALL 2007 NATIONAL MEETING – Boston, MA

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

The meeting attracted over 15,000 attendees and an exposition of 509 booths.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2008 are:

Thomas Lane  
Howard M. Peters

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 15,344. Of these, 8,792 were regular registrations, 1,676 were exhibitors, 3,518 were students, 784 were exposition only, and 574 guests. The exposition had 324 companies represented in 509 booths.

In Chicago, 1,520 job seekers registered with the NECH with interviews scheduled for 911 positions from 126 employers.

The Pittsburgh Section won a Chem-Luminary Award for National Chemistry Week.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the following candidates for District II for a 2008-2010 term: Joseph R. Peterson and Diane Grob Schmidt. The election of a Director for District II will be conducted in the fall. The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for a 2008-2010 term: Janan M. Hayes, Helen A. Lawlor, Kent J. Voorhees and Frankie K. Wood-Black. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall.

The Council elected to the Council Policy Committee Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes, Kathleen M. Schultz for the 2008-2010 term and Peter J. Stang for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term. The Council also elected to the Committee on Nominations and Elections Frank D. Blum, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Arlene M. Sarquis, and Pamela J. Shapiro for the 2008-2010 term.

The Council elected to the Committee on Committees Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Larry K. Krannich and Will E. Lynch for the 2008-2010 term; and Roland F. Hirsch for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term.

The Council approved an increase of ten dollars for the 2008 national meetings advanced registration fee.

The Council voted to accept the Petition on Local Section Affiliations that addresses a difference in current Society Bylaws regarding the responsibilities of the Committee on Local Section Activities and the Committee on Divisional Activities in oversight of the establishment of affiliations by local sections and divisions respectively. Responsibilities for LSAC in approving local section affiliations will now parallel those currently established for DAC.

The Council voted to continue the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols. The Council also voted to support the request of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities that its status be changed from an "other committee" of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee.

The Council voted to amend the acronym of the Committee on Project SEED and update the committee's charge. The acronym will be changed from "Summer Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged" to "Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged".

The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that as of July 2007, the ACS total membership is 1,100 ahead of that at the same date last year, and the number of unpaid members is 295 less than that at the same date last year.

A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda. The discussion focused on ACS policy development and advocacy efforts. ACS President Hunt framed the discussion by posing three questions: 1) How can ACS encourage more members to participate by bringing their expertise to the development of more targeted policy questions? 2) What can ACS do to increase member involvement in public policy advocacy? 3) How can ACS be a more effective leader in policy activities in the broader science and technology communities? Councilors entered into a robust exchange, offering several useful comments and suggestions. As a follow-up, President Hunt invited councilors to visit her website at [www.acspresident.org](http://www.acspresident.org) for additional information.

The Board of Directors voted to approve a revised draft of the ACS Strategic Plan with the addition of specific strategies to be executed in 2008. The Board also approved a proposal for next steps in its contingency plan. The ACS contingency plan provides a set of actions that could be undertaken if certain threats or opportunities became realities for the Society.

The newly reinvented ACS website, scheduled to launch September 30, 2007, will feature a unifying global navigation and dramatically improved user experience. The new url is [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org) and users who have bookmarked [www.chemistry.org](http://www.chemistry.org) will be forwarded to the new site.

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

### **Report on: ACS SPRING 2007 NATIONAL MEETING – Chicago, IL**

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Chicago.

The meeting attracted over 14,000 attendees and an exposition of 424 booths.

The following candidates were selected President-Elect for 2008:

Thomas Lane  
Howard M. Peters

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,520. Of these, 7,152 were regular registrations, 1,283 were exhibitors, 5,059 were students, 573 were exposition only, and 453 guests. The exposition had 268 companies represented in 424 booths.

In Chicago, 1,439 job seekers registered with the NECH with interviews scheduled for 683 positions from 73 employers.

The Pittsburgh Section won a Second Place Award for the Visiting Speaker Program and the hospitality shown toward the tour speaker last year in Pittsburgh.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the election of the following candidates for District II for a 2008-2010 term: Joseph R. Peterson and Diane Grob Schmidt. The election of a Director for District II will be conducted in the fall. The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for a 2008-2010 term: Janan M. Hayes, Helen A. Lawlor, Kent J. Voorhees and Frankie K. Wood-Black. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall.

The Council voted to continue the Committee on Science, the Women Chemist's Committee and the Younger Chemists Committee a part of the regular committee performance reviews.

The Council voted to set the member dues for 2008 at the fully escalated rate of \$136. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Council received three petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures 2006; Petition on Multi-Year Dues; and a Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices.

The Council voted to accept changes for the timing of run-off elections and specifies an election process for situations in which only one Director-at-Large position is open.

The Council voted to recommit a portion of the petition back to the Committee on Nominations and Elections and ask that they reconsider the signature requirements, procedures for processing electronic signatures, and those suggestions arising from the Governance Review Task Force pertinent to election procedures.

The Council voted by recorded vote to defeat the petition that established a one-year waiting period following service on the Committee on Nominations and Elections before an individual can be nominated for District Director, President-Elect or Director-at-Large.

The Council voted to accept the petition on Multi-Year Dues. This petition will allow members paying full dues without any of the discounts to pay for periods of two or three years if they wish, at a rate equal to two or three times the rate for a one year period. Council also voted to make this petition effective when technical components are instituted to offer and track the payments, but no later than January 1, 2010.

ACS closed 2006 with 160,491 members, the highest year-end membership since 2002. Of the 17,857 applications processed in 2006, more than 1,000 came from the Member-Get-A-Member campaign, in which many councilors participated.

The Council voted to approve dates and sites for the 2017 national meetings as follows: April 2-6 San Francisco, CA and September 10-14, St Louis, Missouri.

The Council voted to establish the Snake River Local Section with headquarters in Boise, ID.

The Council voted to approve the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving potential conflicts of interest.

The Society ended 2006 with a net contribution from operations of \$12.2 million, on revenues of \$424.0 million and expenses of \$411.9 million, which was \$7.8 million favorable to the approved budget. The favorable variance was primarily attributable to higher-than-budgeted electronic services revenue and investment income, as well as expense savings from lower-than-budgeted health care costs and reduced IT spending.

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

## Councilors' Corner

September 24, 2006

### Report on: ACS FALL 2006 NATIONAL MEETING – San Francisco, CA

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

The meeting attracted over 15,000 attendees and featured over 9000 scientific presentations and an exposition of 500 booths.

The following candidates were selected for President-Elect for 2007:

Bruce E. Bursten

Bassam Z. Shakhashiri

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 15,603. Of these, 9,373 were regular registrations, 1,666 were exhibitors, 3,350 were students, 504 were exposition only, and 510 guests. The exposition had 320 companies represented in 500 booths.

In San Francisco, 1202 job seekers registered with the NECH with interviews scheduled for 290 positions from 114 employers.

The Pittsburgh Section won a Luminary Award for our National Chemistry Week Programs.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2007-2009 term: William H. Breazeale, Jr., Dennis Chamot, Peter K. Dorhout, Paul R. Jones, Valerie J. Kuck, and Dorothy J. Phillips. The election of three Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Two candidates will fill the 2007-2009 term, and one will fill a two-year vacancy for 2007-2008 created by the resignation of Director-at-Large James D. Burke (effective December 31, 2006). Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

The Committee on Meetings and Expositions reported that the national meeting financial targets continue to be met, and therefore recommended to the Board of Directors that there be no increase in national meeting registration fees for 2007.

The Council received three petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures 2006; Petition on Multi-Year Dues; and a Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. Action is expected on these petitions at the 2007 spring national meeting in Chicago.

The Council voted to continue the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Committee on International Activities subject to the concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Council voted to support the request of the Committee on Community Activities that its status be changed from an "other committee" of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee. The purpose of the Committee on Community Activities is to improve the public perception of chemistry by providing programs to connect chemists with their communities.

The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that through August 2006, a record 12,137 new applicants have been added to the Society's membership, and that the Member-Get-A-Member campaign is well on its way to the goal of 1,000 new members this year.

A special discussion was held at the Council Meeting that focused on ensuring the American Chemical Society's future by engaging younger members throughout the Society's volunteer leadership. Results of a councilor survey on the topic were reported and many councilors offered useful comments and suggestions,

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct for Council review. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

The Board through the Committee on Budget and Finance, voted to approve funding requests for the Society's Green Chemistry Institute and for workshops with Hispanic and Native American-serving institutions and to include these funding amounts in the Society's 2007 proposed operating budget.

The Board voted the following;

- To approve revisions to the Guidelines for Society Cosponsorships with other organizations;
- To proceed with "phase one" plans to arrange the 2008 ACS/AIChE joint meeting, which involves working within the framework of the cosponsorship guidelines, engaging the support of the relevant technical divisions, and developing a suitable budget;
- To approve the request for cooperative cosponsorship of Pacifichem 2010, to be held December 14-19, 2010, in Honolulu, Hawaii, contingent upon approval of an acceptable budget for the conference.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Planning, the Board voted to adopt a revised ACS mission statement: **To advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.**

Submitted by the Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino, Mildred Perry and Theodore Weismann

## Report on: ACS SPRING 2006 NATIONAL MEETING – Atlanta, GA

Three of our four ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at Atlanta. The Alternate Councilors were not available to attend the meeting.

The meeting attracted over 12,400 attendees and featured over 6000 scientific presentations and an exposition of 455 booths.

Councilors selected the following candidates for President-Elect for 2007:

Bruce E. Bursten  
Bassam Z. Shakhashiri

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 12,546. Of these, 6,323 were regular registrations, 1,288 were exhibitors, 4,158 were students, 413 were exposition only, and 364 guests. The exposition had 262 companies represented in 455 booths. In Atlanta, 1247 job seekers registered with the NECH with 1180 interviews scheduled for 197 positions.

Membership in the American Chemical Society was 158,422 as of December, 31, 2005. This is an increase in membership reversing a 4-year downward trend in Society membership. The membership retention number remained stable at 92.4%.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2007-2009 term: William H. Breazeale, Jr., Dennis Chamot, Peter K. Dorhout, Paul R. Jones, Valerie J. Kuck, and Dorothy J. Phillips. The election of three Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Two candidates will fill the 2007-2009 term, and one will fill a two-year vacancy for 2007-2008 created by the resignation of Director-at-Large James D. Burke (effective December 31, 2006). Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

The Society ended 2005 with a net contribution from operations of \$11.6 million, which was \$9.1 million favorable to the approved budget. The favorable variance was primarily attributable to higher-than-budgeted print and electronic information services revenue and investment income, as well as expense savings from staff vacancies and reductions in information technology spending. The Society also realized \$21.0 million in investments gains. In total, unrestricted net assets increased just over \$26 million in 2005 to \$211 million, and the Society ended 2005 in full compliance with the Board-established financial guidelines.

The Council voted to set the member dues for 2007 at the fully escalated rate of \$132.

The Council also voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the spring meeting for 2015 be held in Denver, Colorado, March 22-26; and that the fall meeting be held in Boston, MA, August 16-20. The Council also voted to recommend that the 2016 spring meeting to be held on March 13-17 in San Diego, CA; and the fall meeting in 2016 to be held in Philadelphia, PA on August 21-25.

A special discussion was held at the Council Meeting that focused on membership – specifically, the requirements for ACS membership, and whether they should be made more or less restrictive, or kept the same.

Many ACS committees and councilor caucuses discussed and/or provided input into three key Society initiatives:

1. The Society's new vision statement: Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry.
2. The Board-Council Policy Committee Governance Review Task Force which developed a framework that emphasized five key elements of the Society's governance, which are: membership, geographical organization, disciplinary organization, governance structure, and governance operations.
3. A Program Review Advisory Group (PRAG) has been established to assist the Committee on Budget and Finance in reviewing all programs of the Society on periodic and regular basis.

Submitted by the Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino, Mildred Perry and Theodore Weismann

### **Report on: ACS FALL 2005 NATIONAL MEETING – Washington D.C.**

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in Washington D.C. Neither Alternate Councilors were available to attend the meeting.

The meeting attracted over 13,000 attendees and featured over 7,000 scientific presentations and an exposition of 504 booths.

Councilors elected Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, William H Breazeale, Jr., Peter K. Dorhout, Mamie W. Moy, and Connie J. Murphy for membership on the Committee on Committees for the 2006-2008 term.

Councilors elected R. Gerald Bass, Martha L. Casey, Janan M. Hayes, Valerie J. Kuck and Bonnie Lawlor for membership on the Council Policy Committee.

Councilors elected Steven A. Fleming, Michelle M. Francl, Peter C Jurs, Roger A. Parker, and Sara J. Risch for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

The candidates for the fall 2005 ACS National Elections were:

#### **President-Elect – 2006**

George E. Heinze, Rockland Technimed, Ltd, New York  
Catherine T. Hunt, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania

#### **Directors-at-Large – 2006-2008**

James D. Burke, Retired, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania  
Edwin A. Chandross, Materials Chemistry, LLC, New Jersey  
C. Gordon McCarty, Retired, Bayer Corporation, Adjunct Professor –Univ. South Carolina  
Frankie K. Wood-Black, Conoco Phillips, Texas

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 13, 040. Of these, 7,584 regular registrations, 11,795 exhibitors, 2,715 students, 468 exposition only, and 478 guests. The exposition had 312 companies represented in 504 booths.

In Washington D.C., 1,917 job seekers registered with the NECH with 1,678 interviews scheduled for 289 positions.

Membership in the American Chemical Society was 155,567 as of July 31, 2005, an increase of 282 over the end of July, 2004.

On the Recommendation of the Local Section Activities Committee, the Council approved a petition for change in section territory for the Central New Mexico Local Section. The annexation is intended to improve services to the ACS members in the northern New Mexico Section.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council approved revised charter bylaws for new local sections and for international chemical sciences chapters.

The Board of Directors voted to designate the development of Rumford Baking Powder as a national chemical landmark.

The Board of Directors voted to include requests for funding of the following programs in the development of the Society's 2006 proposed budget:

- A two-year pilot program for ACS High School Chemistry Clubs
- ACS activities in connection with the International Science and Engineering Fair
- A Leadership Development Program that delivers a pool of capable, effective and motivated leaders for volunteer roles throughout the Society
- Reauthorization of, and continued funding for the Green Chemistry Institute
- A complete reinvention of the Society's Web Presence

Submitted by the Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino and Theodore Weismann

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in San Diego. Since Brian Strohmeier recently resigned as Councilor, neither Alternate Councilors were available to attend the meeting.

The meeting attracted over 15,000 attendees and featured 9,278 scientific presentations and an exposition of 508 booths.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections withdrew a petition on election procedures. The committee plans to offer additional changes to the Society's election procedures and introduce a new petition at the fall meeting.

The ACS Council voted to raise member dues for 2006 to \$127 from \$123.

Councilors selected candidates for the office of 2006 ACS president-elect. Councilors chose Katherine T. Hunt of Rohm and Haas and John W. Kozarich of ActivX Biosciences. Also, George E. Heinze, Councilor for the North Jersey Section, has been certified as a petition candidate.

The Council also voted to create a society ethics committee as an ongoing committee of the ACS Board.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2006-2008 term: James D. Burke, Edwin A. Chandross, C. Gordon McCarty and Frankie Wood-Black.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 15,385. Of these, 8,372 were regular registrations, 1,624 were exhibitors, 4,160 were students, 628 were exposition only, and 601 guests. The exposition had 328 companies represented in 508 booths.

In San Diego, 1,344 job seekers registered with the NECH with 1410 interviews scheduled for 189 positions.

Membership in the American Chemical Society was 158,127 as of year-end 2004. Compared to the previous year, this represents less than a 1% decrease. In 2004, more than 13,000 new members were added to the rolls.

The Council voted to continue the Committee on Project SEED. The Committee on Project SEED oversees the Society's summer educational experience program for disadvantaged youth.

The ACS/AIChE governance-to-governance task force and the ACS/AIChE Joint Membership task force have concluded formal discussions and have agreed on several points. At the meeting, the Board voted to discharge both task forces with thanks.

Budget & Finance reported that the Society ended 2004 with a net contribution from operations of \$5,099,000 on revenues of \$419,200,000 and expenses of \$414,700,000. This was favorable to the approved budget. After including the results of the Belmont Conference Center, recorded as a discontinued operation, and the Member Insurance Program, the Society's overall net contribution for 2004 was \$4,465,000, which was \$3,229,000 favorable to the approved budget.

Submitted by the Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik (Author), Michael Mautino and Theodore Weismann

Globalization and offshoring have been hot topics in the past year. The trend is for chemical production to move near raw materials and markets. Several multinational companies have also started to globalize their R&D. The available data indicate that globalization is a significant factor in the chemical industry and is not likely to decrease in the future. Because of this trend, the ACS Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) organized a brainstorming session on "Global Outsourcing Issues on Employment for Chemists" at the ACS National Meeting at Anaheim on March 27, 2004. Furthermore, the Committee on Science (ComSci), CEPA, and Division of Business Management and Development (BMGT) cosponsored a box luncheon forum at Anaheim, where the main theme was "The Globalization of Research and Development in the Chemical Industry." The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) identifies and monitors the needs of the chemical workforce and develops, coordinates, and oversees the implementation of programs and activities to enhance the economic and professional status of chemical professionals.

In view of the continuing interest in globalization, CEPA has formed a Task Force on Globalization Issues to "monitor, communicate, coordinate, and cooperate" with others on globalization and how it relates to employment in the chemical industry. The Task Force includes liaisons from other ACS Committees and Divisions including Corporation Associates, Committee on International Activities, Committee on Science, Divisions of Professional Relations, Business Development and Management, Small Chemical Businesses, and other interested parties.

The Task Force is busily engaged in many activities, such as reviewing and managing the literature and the news on globalization and the offshoring of jobs, disseminating information on globalization, organizing symposia and discussion sessions, coordinating with other interested groups, carrying out globalization strategic planning, and soliciting member input. As an example, at the ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia this past August 2004, a successful Open Forum was held for all ACS members to voice their views on globalization issues. This and other activities are also described in the CEPA website at <http://www.chemistry.org/committees/cepa/index.html>

There is an explosive amount of information on globalization, outsourcing, and offshoring in the popular press, magazines, and journals. However, the information and the opinions expressed do not always agree and can be confusing. The Task Force believes that the ACS membership should be informed of the various viewpoints and thereby understand the situation better. To that end, the Task Force has set up a special web page to provide the latest information and updates. It is located at CEPA's web site and can be found at:

<http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/career.html?DOC=committees%5ccepa%5cglobal.html>

In addition, the Task Force has set up a Message Board on its web site. The purpose is to provide a forum for ACS members to voice their opinions and concerns and to carry on discussions via the web. The comments will be moderated to remove inappropriate materials. This Message Board is operational and can be found at:

<http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/mb/cepa>

The Task Force has already gathered a fair amount of information. Their plan is to consolidate their findings and ideas during the first quarter of 2005, and report the results soon afterwards. Two reporting tasks are being planned for 2005, including producing a white paper on globalization issues and contributing towards ACS President William Carroll's initiative on Chemistry Enterprise 2015.

Portions of this article have been reprinted with permission from CEPA's October 30, 2004 report titled "Interim Report of the CEPA Task Force on Globalization Issues."

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Richard S. Danchik, V. Michael Mautino (*Author*), Brian R. Strohmeier, and Theodore J. Weismann

Report on: ACS Fall 2004 NATIONAL MEETING – Philadelphia, PA

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

The meeting attracted nearly 14,000 attendees and featured more than 7,000 scientific presentations and an exposition of 538 booths. The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 13,805. Of these, 10,660 were regular registrations, and 1,929 were exhibitors. The exposition had 347 companies represented in 538 booths. The NECH registered 1,556 job seekers and 107 employers, who conducted 1,639 interviews.

The Board approved funding for ChemCensus 2005, the all-member employment survey conducted every five years and reported that mutual cooperation between the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and ACS is under development. The board also approved a proposal for continuing the ACS PROGRESS Plan through 2007. The PROGRESS plan is a three-year pilot project to test, develop, and evaluate programs that promote the full participation and advancement of women chemists and chemical engineers. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the N&E's decision to reduce the maximum number of words in ACS candidates' statements from 1,000 to 750 words.

Councilors selected various nominees for three committees: Committee on Committees, Committee on Nominations and Elections, and Council Policy Committee. The Council also approved changes in the constitution and bylaws that would remove the requirements for balloting for ACS national elections only by mail and to allow, but not require, electronic ballots and voted to revise the society's constitution and bylaws to offer full membership to chemistry teachers who may not otherwise (by major degree) qualify for membership in the society.

The Pittsburgh Section was recognized at the 6th Annual ChemLuminary Awards ceremony with three awards:

- Committee on Community Activities – National Chemistry Week --Best Event with Underrepresented Minority Groups.
- Women Chemists Committee- National Chemistry Week --Best Single Event in a Local Section Promoting Women in Chemistry Award
- ACS's Division of Chemical Technicians – WPTAG of the Pittsburgh Section --Most Innovative Technician Affiliate Group Award

Budget & Finance reported that ACS is expected to end 2004 with a net contribution from operations of \$1,531,000, which is \$60,000 favorable to the approved budget. After including results of the Member Insurance Program and the sale of the Belmont Conference Center, which is expected to be finalized before the year's end, the society's overall projected contribution for 2004 is \$1,278,000 -- \$42,000 favorable to the approved budget and in compliance with all board-established guidelines.

Pittsburgh Section Councilors:

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Brian Strohmeier

Theodore Weismann

## Councilors' Corner

April, 2004

Report on: ACS Spring 2004 NATIONAL MEETING – ANAHEIM, CA

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

The meeting attracted 14,141 total attendees. This included: 7595 full attendees; 3801 students; 2278 exhibitors; and 467 guests. The Exhibit had 314 companies represented with a total of 496 booths.

By written ballot the Council selected F. Sherwood Rowland and Isiah M. Warner as candidates for 2005 President-Elect. They join E. Ann Nalley, who was certified as a petition candidate for 2005 President-Elect.

The Council elected Connie J. Murphy to the Committee on Committees, and Roger Parker was elected to the Committee on Nominations and Elections. Candidates for District II Director were chosen from a slate of nominees prepared by N&Es. The nominees are Thomas H Lane and Diane Grob Schmidt.

The Council voted to set member dues for 2005 at the fully escalated rate of \$ 123.00. Membership in the American Chemical Society was 159,332 as of year-end 2003. This number represents a decline of 1% in the overall membership. The Council also voted to formally dissolve the probationary Division of Laboratory Automation per request of the Division's leadership.

A special discussion was held during the Council meeting concerning the status of partnership efforts between the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Currently the ACS and the AIChE are pursuing a programmatic alliance that will more fully serve the needs of their members and the chemical enterprise, while enhancing both organizations' abilities to achieve their missions. Consideration also is being given to a membership alliance that could include expanded opportunities for members to participate more fully in both organizations.

The Committee on Budget & Finance reported that ACS's overall financial performance for 2003 was favorable, despite serious financial challenges during the year. The Society ended the year with a net deficit from ACS operations of \$64,000. This year-end financial performance was \$811,000 favorable to the 2003 approved budget. And for the first time in three years, the society's financial performance, including investment gains, resulted in an increase to unrestricted net assets.

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## Councilors' Corner February 2004

With a new ACS Board of Director's chair, new board members, a new president, and a new executive director/CEO, it is certain that the Society will be moving in some new directions. Various members of the Board have expressed their concerns and desires on where the ACS needs to focus its efforts. This article will focus on communication efforts planned by the ACS for the future.

Past-President Eli Pearce believes the ACS needs to focus on "diversity, education, and legislative advocacy for science education and research." To sustain the future growth of our profession, "the Society will need to put additional effort and resources towards attracting diverse groups to our ranks." This must include better communication between the Society and the diverse groups that reside within our local sections.

Although there has been a modest increase in the number of members involved in legislative advocacy, members are encouraged to communicate with Congress when issues critical to chemistry arise. To learn more about the current issues in this area, visit the ACS Legislative Action Center. This site will identify your elected officials, provide information on key issues, and allow you to send a letter or e-mail message to your legislators with a few clicks of your mouse. Visit <http://congress.nw.dc.us/chemical/home/> for more information. Again, communication is a key component in this area.

Immediate Past-President, Elsa Reichmanis, outlined her desire to see the continuation of meetings between the ACS Board of Directors and Executive Committee and top industry leaders and getting buy-in from senior executives that involvement in ACS is a "good thing," as it provides a wealth of benefits to both members and the industry. Dr. Reichmanis, as well as many in the Society, believe that it is "critical to having mid-level managers favorably inclined toward allowing our members (their employees) to stay involved in the ACS." More needs to be done to reach out to these managers, demonstrating the value to them when their employees get involved in the Society. For additional information on the value that the ACS brings to industry, visit the ACS's Industry Members Program website at <http://chemisty.org/industry>

Current ACS President Charles Casey also believes communication is key to the success of the Society. During his term as President, Casey will continue 2003 ACS President Reichmanis' emphasis on communication of the value of basic and applied chemistry to society, that "we all should take up the challenge of communicating the importance and excitement of chemistry to the general public." One great way of communicating the importance of chemistry to the public is through volunteering for community outreach efforts in your local section. Visit the ACS's Office of Community Activities (OCA) for information on such activities as National Chemistry Week, Chemist Celebrate Earth Day, and the Chemagination contest. Visit OCA's website for more information: <http://chemisty.org/oca>

Communication from you, as a Pittsburgh Section ACS member, is also vitally important. Your opinion on where and how the ACS should focus its efforts needs to be heard, so that the Section and the Society can act upon your concerns. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to see addressed regarding the ACS, feel free to contact any of the Pittsburgh Section Councilors. Remember, as Pittsburgh Section ACS members, you elected these four Councilors to be YOUR voice on the national level.

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## Councilors' Corner

January 2004

Currently, the ACS is going through significant change in leadership at the national level. Executive Director and CEO John K. Crum is retiring after 40 years of service to the Society, 20 of them as executive director and CEO. As of January 1, 2004 the new Executive Director and CEO is Madeline Jacobs, former Editor-in-chief of the ACS weekly publication "Chemical & Engineering News." The Executive Director has direct responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the ACS, with more than 1,900 ACS employees reporting to the Executive Director, through the management chain.

Also changing at this time is the Chair's position on the ACS's Board of Directors. As of December 31, 2003, Nina McClelland has completed three one-year terms as the ACS's Chair of the Board of Directors, the maximum term allowed by ACS Board regulations. Replacing Nina as of January 1, 2004 is James D. Burke. The Board of Directors is the legal representative of the Society and is responsible for establishing the Society's administrative policies and administering all the property, funds, and affairs of the Society.

So, what does this mean to you as a member of the Society? First, you can expect to see a lot of change as the two leaders mentioned above begin working in their new positions. This gives you, as a member of the Society, a rare opportunity to influence that change by voicing your opinion as to what change you think is needed. Do you have comments, questions, and concerns about the Society that you would like to see addressed? Do you feel the Society should be focusing its efforts in a particular area where current efforts are lacking? If so, now is the time to bring these ideas forward so that these new leaders understand what is of importance to the Society's members.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to see addressed regarding the ACS, please feel free to contact any of the Pittsburgh Section Councilors. Remember, as Pittsburgh Section ACS members, you elected these Councilors to be YOUR voice on the national level.

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# Councilors' Corner

September 29, 2003

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in New York.

The meeting attracted more than 14,000 attendees and featured nearly 7,000 scientific presentations and an exposition of 528 booths.

The Board reported that a merger between the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and ACS is being considered. The merger would be mutually beneficial; however, there are several points and details that need to be negotiated before finalization

The Board approved establishment of a new Science Diplomacy Fellowship at the State Department, contingent on half of the support coming from outside ACS.

Councilors selected various nominees for three committees: Committee on Committees, Committee on Nominations and Elections, and Council Policy Committee.

Council approved the formation of a new international chemical science chapter to be known as the Hungarian International Chemical Sciences Chapter, with headquarters in Budapest. Council also approved a name change for the Coastal Empire Section to Coastal Georgia Section.

Candidates for ACS President-Elect for 2004 are: William F. Carroll Jr., vice-president of chlorovinyl issues at Occidental Chemical Corp., and Michael E. Strem, president, Strem Chemicals, Newburyport, Mass.

The candidates for the two seats on the board as director-at-large for 2004-2006 are Dennis Chamot; Nancy B. Jackson; Peter C. Jurs; and James P. Shoffner.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,030. Of these, 10,640 were regular registrations, 556 were guests, 885 were exposition only, and 1,949 were exhibitors. The exposition had 321 companies represented in 528 booths.

In New York, 1,372 job seekers registered with the NECH as did 97 employers with 1,564 interviews scheduled.

The Pittsburgh Section was recognized at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ChemLuminary Awards ceremony with three awards.

- 1.) Division of Chemical Technicians – Most Innovative Technician Affiliate Group - The Western PA TAG helps displaced technicians connect with career placement services, encourages future technicians with an outstanding student award, and presents The Great American Science Show and hazmat gear at a local high school.

2.) Best Event with Underrepresented Minority Groups –

The Section's 2002 NCW program focused on reaching out to underrepresented minorities by arranging for admissions and transportation to the event for 14 inner-city community groups and 14 schools from economically and scholastically disadvantaged districts.

3.) Best Single Event in a Local Section Promoting Women in Chemistry Award –

The Pittsburgh Local WCC sponsored an event to foster networking and encourage peer interaction. Dr. Judith Giordan, Aileron Partners, gave a presentation outlining statistics for growth in the preferred fields of women chemists.

The Pittsburgh Section was also nominated for the Most Innovative New Activity or Program in a Local Section, however, the Delaware Section won.

Dr. John Crum was recognized for his years of service with ACS and will be retiring at the end of this year. The Board hopes to name a replacement in December, 2003.

Budget & Finance reported that ACS is expected to end 2003 with a net deficit of \$3.1 million, \$1.9 million short of the approved budget.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Section Councilors: Paul E. Beck, Richard S. Danchik (author), V. Michael Mautino and Theodore J. Weismann

## **Councilor's Corner**

### **20 October 2003**

You may remember that at the 225<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting in New Orleans this past March, the ACS Council voted to change the ACS Constitution and Bylaws to alter the way ACS Divisions and Local Sections receive allocations from the Society. The changes in the Constitution specified that a portion of the dues collected from members will be allocated directly to Divisions and Local Sections, as specified by changes in the Bylaws. The members of the Society ratified this Council action by a vote of 20,430 FOR and 3,197 AGAINST. This is very good news for both Divisions and Local Sections, as it will result in an increase in allotments, allowing these two bodies of the Society to better server the membership.

As you are probably aware, the 226<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting and Exposition was held in New York City September 7-11, 2003. At the Council meeting, held on Wednesday September 10, 2003, the following items were to be discussed and voted on by the Councilor's representing each of the Local Section and Divisions. These actions were to include:

- The Committee on Local Section Activities will recommend to Council a name change for the Coastal Empire Section. The section is requesting a change to the "Coastal Georgia" section because the current name is only recognizable to local residents of Georgia and South Carolina.
- The International Activities Committee will recommend that Council approve the formation of a new Hungarian International Chemical Sciences Chapter consisting of all of the areas of the nation of Hungary. 34 ACS members in good standing have petitioned the ACS to become an International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Board has authorized this action. Upon approval of Council, the Chapter will begin operation.
- Council will also elect members of the elected committees of Council, including the Committee on Committees (ConC), Council Policy Committee (CPC), and Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), from the slate of nominees presented by the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Look for a full report of Council activities from the New York City meeting in this column in a future issue of "The Crucible." As always, if there you have any questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to see addressed regarding the ACS, please feel free to contact any of the Pittsburgh Section Councilors. Remember, as Pittsburgh Section ACS members, you elected these Councilors to be YOUR voice on the national level.

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## Councilor's Corner

April 20, 2003

### **Report on: ACS SPRING 2003 NATIONAL MEETING – NEW ORLEANS, LA**

All four of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in New Orleans.

The ACS Council approved a petition on division and local section funding; raised member dues; and heard numerous reports on Society activities. It also selected candidates to stand in this fall's election.

A ballot on Division and Local Section funding will be mailed to ACS voting members late this spring. Two-thirds of the society's members voting on the change must approve in order to pass. If the petition is adopted, ACS local sections and especially divisions will receive increased funding from the ACS. The extra funds will be provided both by a temporary assessment levied on ACS members dues and by budget offsets. A \$2.00 assessment will be added onto member dues in 2004; a \$4.00 surcharge in 2005; \$6.00 in 2006; and \$8.00 in 2007. The assessment would be in addition to normal dues increases.

In addition to agreeing to the petition, on the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget & Finance, the ACS Council voted that dues for 2004 be set at the fully escalated rate of \$120.

Councilors selected William F. Carroll Jr., vice-president of chlorovinyl issues at Occidental Chemical Corp., and Michael E. Strem, president, Strem Chemicals, Newburyport, Mass., as candidates for ACS president-elect for 2004.

The candidates for the two seats on the board as director-at-large for 2004-2006 are Dennis Chamot; Nancy B. Jackson; Peter C. Jurs; and James P. Shoffner.

The Local Section Activities Committee reported to the council that the Pittsburgh Section will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

At the end of 2002, the total ACS membership number was 161,144. That represented a 1.4% decrease in membership from 2001.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 14,576. Of these, 11,705 were regular registrations, 741 were guests, 629 were exposition only, and 1,501 were exhibitors. The exposition had 290 companies represented in 504 booths. Also, the committee reported a record number of papers presented in New Orleans; nearly 8,700.

In New Orleans, 1,151 job seekers (down 6% from Boston) registered with the NECH as did 96 employers (down 38%) with 151 representatives. In New Orleans, 305 positions were posted (down 41%) and 1,751 interviews were scheduled (down 63%).

Budget & Finance reported that ACS ended 2002 with a net deficit of \$789,000. Excluding the favorable impact of the Member Insurance Program, operations, and board appropriations produced a net deficit of \$1.5 million, which was \$482,000 favorable to the approved budget. According to the committee, the weak economy has had a significant impact on the society's advertising revenue and investment income.

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## Councilor's Corner

Hello Pittsburgh Section members!

In this third installment of the Councilor's Corner, we would like to share some information with you about a proposal that will be discussed at the upcoming National ACS meeting at the end of March. This proposal will have financial impact on both Local Sections and Divisions. The following is a re-print of a message from the Chair's of the Committee on Local Section Activities and the Committee on Divisional Activities. We hope you will take a minute and review this issue and invite you to send any comments you may have.

There has recently been considerable discussion about Local Sections and Divisions and their role in the Society on the ACS Local Sections Discussion Listserve. It has been very interesting to read many different perceptions of Divisions and Local Sections. As recent and current Chairs of the Local Sections Activities Committee (LSAC) and Division Activities Committee (DAC), we would like to give you a little overview about our perceptions of Divisions and Local Sections. We hope that they will help some of you to understand the differences and similarities between them. It is especially appropriate for you to consider these issues as the Society's Council is considering changing the Bylaws relative to the funding of Local Sections and Divisions at its New Orleans American Chemical Society meeting.

Local Sections and Divisions are the primary volunteer units of the ACS. They are like small societies within the larger organization. These units are ones that many of our members interact with on a regular basis. Each has its own governance and governance structure, though there are many similarities in most of them. The ACS is an outstanding organization because of its member volunteerism and governance. Many of the members involved in the Society are involved because of their initial ACS interactions with a Division or Local Section.

Membership in the two groups is different, primarily for historical reasons. All ACS members, who reside in the United States, are automatically members of the Local Section where they work or reside, unless they choose to become a member of another Section (one can be a member of only one Local Section). They belong to and receive services from the Local Section whether or not they pay the voluntary dues for that particular Local Section. In addition, not all Local Sections assess dues. In the Year 2000, there were approximately 131,000 Local Section members.

ACS members become members of Divisions voluntarily, and receive services only if they pay the mandatory dues to a Division. In contrast to Local Sections, Division members can belong to as many Divisions as they choose; some members belong to several. In 2000, there were approximately 85,000 individuals who were members of Divisions, but there was a total of about 116,000 Division memberships. Both Divisions and Local Sections may have Affiliate members who are not ACS members; these Affiliates may not vote for certain officers in the elections.

Local Sections and Divisions receive revenue from a variety of sources. Allocations from the Society are supplemented by funds from dues charged by the Local Section or Division unit. Contributions and other fees for services (such as publications and meetings) represent most of the other revenues. Local Section allocations are established on a base amount per Section and a representational membership count. For Divisions, the allocations are subdivided into a base amount per Division plus a membership amount (1/3) and a national meeting allotment (2/3).

In New Orleans, the ACS Council will be asked to vote on proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that would alter Divisions' and Local Sections' allocations from the Society. The change would make 20 percent of Society membership dues available for Local Sections and Divisions use. The fraction devoted to each group would be 55 percent for Local Sections and 45 percent for Divisions, based on the total number of memberships in the Year 2000. If enacted, the membership dues funds

going to Divisions would increase substantially, to help programming and innovative projects, and those going to Local Sections would increase modestly, to help develop innovative programming. The level of funding currently received by individual Local Sections would be sustained under the proposed system.

If you would like more information on the proposed Bylaws changes, please refer to the web page below, which will be updated as the New Orleans meeting approaches:

<http://web.umn.edu/~fblum/acs/bylaws.info.html>

Please feel free, in addition, to contact any of us if you have questions or would like to discuss this issue further:

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## Councilor's Corner

Hello Pittsburgh ACS Section members!

In this second edition of the Councilor's Corner, we would like to give you an overview of the various ACS National Committees and let you know the Committees on which your Councilors serve.

As you are aware, the ACS has two governing bodies, the Council and the Board of Directors. ACS Committees can fall under the jurisdiction of either or both of these groups. There are currently 32 ACS Committees, 15 Committees of the Council, three Board Committees and 14 joint Board-Council Committees. There are also over ten Board taskforces and ad hoc Committees. These Committees range from functional, such as Budget and Finance or Nominations and Elections, to those representing certain constituencies of the Society, such as the Women Chemists or Minority Affairs Committees. Depending on the Committee, membership can be restricted to Councilors or open to the broader membership. Appointed terms vary from one year for Committee Associates to two or three years for full Committee members.

We won't list all of the Committees here, however, if you are interested, a complete list can be found at the ACS Committee website. Instead, in the following, we outline the Committee assignments of the Councilors of the Pittsburgh Section of the ACS:

**Rich Danchik** is on the *Meetings and Exposition Committee*, (M&E). The mission of this Standing Committee is to

- study and make recommendations to Council concerning policies and problems of meetings and expositions operated by the Society, its Divisions and Local Sections;
- study and recommend meeting dates and locations; and
- cooperate with the Committee on Divisional Activities in areas of mutual interest.

You experience first-hand the work of the M&E Committee every time you attend a National or Regional ACS meeting

**V. Michael Mautino** has been a member of the *Council Committee for Technician Activities* (CTA). The mission of the CTA is to

- increase the awareness of the important contributions that chemistry-based technicians make to the national economy and to society as a whole;
- promote the technical, professional, and leadership development of chemistry-based technicians; and
- advocate high standards of education, technical practices, and other conduct for members of the profession.

Mike is also a member of the National Chemistry Week Taskforce, responsible for the organization of NCW at the National level.

**Jennifer Weinberg** is on the *Younger Chemists Committee* (YCC), a joint Board-Council Committee. The YCC, which represents chemists that are "young in the profession," not just young in age, comprises ACS members under the age of 35. The YCC has three strategic thrusts,

- to make the ACS relevant to younger chemists;
- to increase involvement of younger chemists in the ACS; and
- to integrate younger chemists into the profession.

**Ted Weismann** serves on the *Society Committee for Education*, know as SOCED. SOCED is responsible for drafting the ACS science education policy document, Science Education Policies for Sustainable Reform. The Committee also drafts statements for Board approval on the annual budgets for both the National Science Foundation's education programs, and the U.S. Department of Education.

We hope we have given you a little background of the ACS Committees and where each of us contributes at the National level. If you have any questions about ACS Committees or would like to get involved in an ACS Committee, please let one of us know. We'd love to get you involved!

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2 January 2003

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

**V. Michael Mautino – Councilor**

**January 2003**

Greetings Pittsburgh Section ACS Members! I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. As one of four elected Pittsburgh Section Councilors, I have made it a top priority during my term as Councilor to communicate frequently to you, the Local Section member, via the Section's newsletter on items that are of importance to you as a member, and to seek your opinions and concerns so that the Pittsburgh Section Councilors may communicate them to ACS Council and governance.

In my first article to you this year, I would like to review the position of Local Section Councilor, including what we do, what we cannot do, who we are, etc.

Councilors are elected from both Local Sections and Divisions. Right now there is an "80/20 Rule" in place within the ACS that means that 80% of the Councilors are to come from the Local Sections (355 Councilors) and 20% from Divisions (92 Councilors). The number of Councilors is based on each group's membership. There is a divisor set every four years that determines the number of councilors a Local Section or Division can have. The most recent divisor is 1 Councilor for every 465 members for a Local Section and 1 Councilor for every 647 members for a Division. This divisor is up for review at the upcoming Spring meeting in New Orleans. Councilors are elected for 3-year terms and an Alternate Councilor is elected along with them to represent the Local Section or Division in case the Councilor cannot attend the ACS National Meeting. Your Pittsburgh Section Councilors and Alternate Councilors (and their elected terms) are:

Richard S. Danchik (through 12/31/03)

V. Michael Mautino (through 12/31/05)

Jennifer Weinberg (through 12/31/04)

Theodore J. (Ted) Weismann (through 12/31/04)

Alternate Councilors:

Paul E. Beck (through 12/31/04)

Mordecai D. Treblow (through 12/31/05)

The Council, the governing body of the American Chemical Society (ACS), meets at each ACS National Meeting for \_ day, on the Wednesday near the end of the meeting. It serves as a "Congressional-type" of body and votes on key issues of the day that can affect each and every member within the Society including all major Bylaw and Constitutional changes, dues rates, National Meeting fees, etc. However, the final voice is that of the Board of Directors who can override any vote by the Council. Because we vote on so many key issues, it is vital that we try to take into consideration what you, the member, are feeling and what your thoughts are. After all, we are elected to represent the ACS Local Section members we represent, not ourselves.

Aside from serving in Council at the two National Meetings each year, each Councilor is considered for sitting on a National ACS Committee. These positions are extremely important, as they are often the connecting points between the National ACS and the grassroots. In a future

article I will cover the significance of these National ACS Committees, which committees the Pittsburgh Section Councilors serve on, and how this gives you a voice in determining the direction the ACS can take in the future.

The “official” duties of the Local Section Councilor including being the Section’s representative in Council at each ACS National Meeting and conveying information between the Section and the ACS Council. This includes information to be taken to the Council meeting and information brought from Council to be acted on or discussed by the Section. As a member of the Pittsburgh Section, this is where your input, opinions, and concerns are needed and are of great value to the continued growth and success of our Section.

I have covered the basics of how the Local Section Councilor fits into ACS governance and how the Councilor represents you the Section member. Hopefully, the more each member understands about the ACS, the more that member will want to be active and express his or her opinions. I welcome your input, your questions and your ideas. As a Pittsburgh Section Councilor, I am here to be your voice on the national level. Feel free to contact me at:

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I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!