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Report on: ACS SPRING 2016 NATIONAL MEETING – San Diego, CA

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in San Diego.

The meeting attracted approximately 16,327 attendees and an exposition of 415 booths.

The Candidates for President- Elect, 2017 are:

Peter K. Dorhout and Thomas R. Gilbert

The Candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2017-2019 term: Joseph A. Heppert, Kristin M. Omberg, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Kathleen M. Schulz. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on September 29, 2016.

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

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 16,327. Of these, 8,398 were regular registrations, 1094 were exhibitors, 5,979 were students, 473 were exposition only, and 383 guests. The exposition had 415 booths with 274 companies. The meeting had over 12,000 papers presented.

The Council voted to set the member dues for 2017 at the fully escalated rate of \$166. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Council voted to approve revised Academic Professional Guidelines, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Guidelines apply to those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry.

In 2015, ACS generated a Net Operations of \$16.6 million, which was \$3.2 million favorable to budget. Total revenues were \$ 511.7 million, essentially on budget. Expenses ended the year at \$ 495.1 million, which as \$3.1 million or 0.6% favorable to budget. This variance was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the Society. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2015, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$144.7 million at December 31, 2014 to \$ 163.3 million at year-end 2015.

As of December 31, the ACS membership was nearly 157,000, which is less than on the same date in 2014. The number of new members who joined in 2015 is 25,000. The Society's overall retention rate is 84%. The committee also reported that the number of

international members has increased to 26,022. That number is 965 higher than in December of 2014. The international growth rate is 3.85%.

In compliance with the National Meeting Long Range Financial Plan and the recommendations of the 2015 Task Force on Implementing National Financial Targets, the Committee on Meetings and Expositions has recommended that the Early Member Registration Fee for the 2017 national meetings be \$440. The Board will vote on this recommendation later this year.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve an endowment to support the E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy.

Pittsburgh Section
Councilors

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