

April 16, 2017

**Report on: ACS SPRING 2017 NATIONAL MEETING – San Francisco, CA**

Three of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in San Francisco.

The meeting attracted approximately 18,850 attendees and an exposition of 430 booths.

The Candidates for President- Elect, 2018 are:

Bonnie A Charpentier and Willie E. May

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for 2018-2020 terms: Kenneth P. Fivizzani, Wayne E. Jones, Bonnie A Lawlor, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 18,850. Of these, 9,797 were regular registrations, 1,198 were exhibitors, 6,914 were students, 475 were exposition only, and 466 guests. The exposition had 430 booths with 285 companies. The meeting had over 14,000 papers presented.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, that the Committee on Project Seed be continued; and that the committees on Chemists with Disabilities, on Public Relations and Communications, and on Women Chemists be continued contingent on approval of the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities, the Council approved a formula for allocating dues funds to divisions, effective with allocations for 2017 division performance.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council voted to extend the provision of \$15 commissions to international Chemical Sciences Chapters which recruit new members.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Sections, the Council approved a petition from the Santa Clara Valley Section in California to change the name of the section to the Silicon Valley Local Section.

The Council conducted a special discussion, "ACS Yesterday and Today: Paving the Way to Tomorrow." To gather input for the Joint Board-CPC Task Force on Governance Design. Over 40 councilors shared observations, comments, and suggestions to assist the task force in identifying opportunities and issues for governance improvement.

In 2016 ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$23.8 million, which was \$7.2 million higher than 2015. Total revenues were \$526.8 million, increasing 2.9% or 415 million over 2015. Expenses ended the year at \$503 million, which was \$7.8 million or 1.6%

higher than prior year. This was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the organization. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2016, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$163.3 million at December 31, 2015 to \$206.5 million at year-end 2016.

As of December 31, 2016 the ACS membership was 156,129, which is 0.5% less than on the same date in 2015. The number of new members who joined in 2016 is 23,700. The Society's overall retention rate is 83.5%. The Committee on Membership Affairs also reported that the number of international members has increased to 27,388, exceeding the committee's target by 5%. Retention of graduate students increased by 2% to 76.2%.

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member dues for 2018 at the fully escalated rate of \$171. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjusted formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Board passed a resolution expressing appreciation to Denise L. Creech for her 27 years of service in the Membership and Scientific Advancement Division, which she led as director for nearly 14 years.

Pittsburgh Section  
Councilors

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