

Four ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance in Orlando.

The meeting attracted approximately 15,605 attendees and an exposition of over 230 exhibitors.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the four nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2020. The Council selected H. N. Cheng and Carol A. Duane as Candidates for the 2020 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented results of the election held prior to the Orlando meeting to select candidates from the list of nominees for the position of District II Director, 2020-2022. By internet ballot, Councilors selected Christina C. Bodurow and Dawn Mason as Candidates for the District II Director. Ballots will be sent to ACS members in District II for the election in this district. The Pittsburgh local section is part of District II.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for 2020-2022 terms: Harmon B. Abrahamson, G. Bryan Balaz, D. Richard Cobb, and Dorothy J. Phillips. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall.

The Council approved the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents, which will reorganize the fundamental governing documents of the Society: the Constitution & Bylaws, and create a third document: Standing Rules. The petition will become effective if and when the proposed changes to the Constitution are approved by the membership of the Society.

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) to set the member dues for 2020 at the 2019 rate of \$175. This was instead of using the regular dues escalator to \$180.

The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology & Symbols be continued; and that the Committee on Senior Chemists be continued, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

In 2018, ACS generated a net from operations of \$41.1 million, which was \$13.3 million higher than 2017. Total revenues were \$571.6 million, increasing 6.4% - or \$34.2 million - over 2017. Expenses ended the year at \$530.5 million, which was \$20.8 million or 4.1% higher than the prior year. These results were attributable to strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 15,605. Of these, 7,887 were regular registrations, 869 were exhibitors, 6,019 were students, 404 were exposition only, and 426 guests.

The ACS ended 2018 with 151,012 members, a net membership growth of one-tenth-of-one-percent. This is the first membership growth ACS has recorded in the better part of a decade. Of the 25,000 new members who joined in 2018, about 20% were incentivized by market testing initiatives. Without these new members, ACS would have seen continued declines.

Council voted to extend the provision of the international dues discount test based on World Bank country income levels for an additional three years (August 2019 – August 2022).

Respectfully submitted,

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