

Councilor's Report
of the 246th ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, September 8-12, 2013

The candidates for the fall 2010 ACS national election are as follows:

President Elect 2014 – Dr. G. Bryan Balazs, Dr. Charles E. Kolb, Jr., and Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt.

Directors-at-Large – 2014-2016 – Dr. Susan B. Butts, Dr. Thom H. Dunning, Jr., Dr. Dorothy J. Phillips, and Dr. Kathleen M. Schulz.

Ballots will be mailed in early October and must be completed within six weeks. **VOTE.**

As of September 11, 2013, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 10,840 registrants, including 6,683 regular attendees and 2,610 students, 878 exhibitors, 417 expo registrants, and 252 guests..

ACS Bylaws require that the six electoral districts be balanced in their populations of total members. The Council approved a proposal by the Committee on Nominations and Elections to realign all the districts so that each district is balanced with approximately the same number of members as required by the ACS Bylaws. This change takes place in 2014 and does not affect the upcoming 2013 national ACS election. Kalamazoo, Memphis, St. Joseph, Wabash Valley, Erie and Penn-York will be leaving District II and three sections from North Carolina will be joining District II.

After much debate, a proposed name change for the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry to the Division of Colloids, Surfaces, and Nanomaterials was defeated by a narrow margin by the Council.

Committee Reports:

1. SOCED (Committee on Education) approved a motion that “recognizes the achievement that is present in the Next Generation Science Standards, including their basis in research on teaching and learning, their formulation as performance standards, and their basis in the NRC framework and its dimensions of Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Cross Cutting Concepts.” SOCED has proposed a National Association of Chemistry Teachers (NACT), which is designed to provide a professional home through which teachers have access to specialized resources and the broader ACS community. Funding for this new initiative has been approved by the Board of Directors.
2. M&E (Meetings and Expositions) announced that there would be a new system for submitting abstracts in Spring 2015. Also, there will be no ‘wifi’ in sessions or taping.
3. LSAC (Local Section Activities) announced a possible Bylaw change for recall of councilors, since at present there is no provision for this.
4. Project Seed is utilized in all but fourteen state

FYI:

1. The ACS Leadership Institute will be held January 24-26, 2014 in Dallas, Texas at the Dallas Intercontinental Hotel. Anyone interested in attending, please contact me.

2. Manuel (Manny) Guzman is the new President of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). National Chemistry Week is October 21-27, 2013 and we are again distributing newspapers to elementary school students in the section. This year's theme is "Energy – Now and Forever"
3. We were ChemLuminary finalists again this year for Outstanding Local Section, small size, but we again did not win. We also displayed a ChemLuminary poster this year, thanks to Tim Sherwood. Come to a meeting to see the poster.
4. Some new benefits of ACS membership: A. "POD" – Presentations on Demand. These are the meeting presentations from the National Meeting and are free for members for 12 months. They will not be available after 18 months. B. Free Scifinder activities up to 25. C. ACS Member Universal Access to any 25 articles or books. D. e-subscription discount. E. E-passport is \$2 per article in bulk.
5. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. I represent you at the National Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, D. Zimmerman, Councilor POBS, 9/17/2013