

Councilor's Report  
of the 242<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, Denver, CO, August 28-Sept. 1, 2011

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

President Elect 2012 – Dr. Dennis Chamot and Dr. Marinda Li Wu.

Directors-at-Large – 2012-2014 – Dr. Ken B. Anderson, Dr. William F. Carroll, Jr.,  
Dr. Charles E. Kolb, Dr. Barbara A. Sawrey

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

As of September 1, 2011, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 10,076 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 6,088; Students 2,376; Exhibitors 1,000; Exposition only 394; and Guests 218.

The Council voted to approve the Petition on Position Statements, which assures that the Board of Directors has sole authority in issuing position statements that establish policy for the full Society.

A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. The discussion was on how ACS can best cultivate a culture of safety in US universities and colleges.

The Council voted to grant full division status to the previously probationary Division of Catalysis Science and Technology, and to approve the proposed bylaws of this division. The Council also voted to dissolve the Division of Petroleum Chemistry and to combine its assets and members with those of the Division of Fuel Chemistry under the new name of the Division of Energy and Fuels.

ACS has created new programs to assist unemployed members and new resources for all members, from students to seasoned professionals. The first ever fully integrated onsite and virtual career fair in Denver offered job seekers and virtual participants via webcam the opportunity to interact with each other and to connect with prospective employers and programs to sharpen their career skills. The number of employers was up from Anaheim.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve an advance member registration fee of \$360 for national meetings held in 2012. The Board also voted, as recommended by Budget and Finance, to include funding in the 2012 and 2013 budget for a new program – The ACS Entrepreneurship Initiative. The Board also approved, as recommended by Budget & Finance, to adopt the non-councilor reimbursement policy as presented by CPC (at the rate of 50% of the Councilor travel reimbursement) effective 2012. The policy would allow reimbursement of travel costs to committee meetings held during the ACS national meetings for non-councilor committee members.

FYI:

A listing of all the Past Presidents of the ACS is now on [acs.org](http://acs.org). ACS is asking for comments on “What key priorities should the Society pursue to serve chemists and chemistry in the future?” for a future strategic plan.

At the Chemistry Olympiads held in Turkey, the United States received two gold and two silver medals. One of the winners is from Pittsburgh. The 2012 International Chemistry Olympiads will be held at the University of Maryland.

Through 2012, Local Sections can receive a \$400/ year reimbursement for using an ACS Speaker and returning certain forms to National.

National Chemistry Week is October 16-22, 2012 and we are again distributing newspapers to elementary school students in the section. This year's theme is "Chemistry-Our Health, Our Future". Explore the positive impacts of chemistry as it related to nutrition, hygiene, and medicine. Contact Kathy Frantz (kkfrantz@thiel.edu) if you are willing to distribute the newspapers to a local elementary school. (website: [www.acs.org/NCW](http://www.acs.org/NCW)).

Tuesday morning, I attended the Senior Breakfast. Dr. Bassam Shakhashiri talked on his agenda for the ACS. Tuesday evening I attended the Chemiluminary Awards Presentation. We were finalists again this year, but we did not win. We also displayed a poster this year, thanks to Tim Sherwood. Come to a meeting to see the poster.

The Leadership Conference is January 20-22 in Ft. Worth, TX. There is new software for grants and awards. Everything must be submitted online on ACS forms. Continuing awards have to be resubmitted online by November 1, 2011. And of course, there is a new "Forms" to deal with to submit our Annual Report in February. The ACS website, acs.org, is being enhanced and expanded.

Keep celebrating the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to the well-being of humankind this year in the International Year of Chemistry. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. I represent you at the National Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, D. Zimmerman, Councilor POBS, 9/10/2011.