

Councilor's Report
of the 245th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 7-11, 2013

The Council selected G. Bryan Balazs and Charles E. Kolb, Jr. as candidates for 2014 President-Elect. It was announced that by mail ballot, the Councilors from District II selected George M. Bodner and Alan A. Hazari as Candidates for Director for the term 2014-2016. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all ACS members in District II for election of a District II Director. Membership dues were set at \$154 for 2014. As of April 11, 2013, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 15,596 registrants including regular attendees 8,105 and students 5,793. There were 415 booths and 11,232 papers presented..

Society membership at the end of 2012 was 163,322 – 893 lower than the total for year-end 2011 despite recruiting 24,943 new members. The net loss occurred primarily in the regular membership. There were increases in both the Student Member undergraduate and international categories. The Membership Affairs Committee approved five pilot market data tests to increase membership. A Petition to Amend National Election Procedures, which would have taken away from Council the power to select candidates for President-Elect and given it to Nominations & Elections was defeated with 85% against and 15% in favor. A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting as follows: “What else should ACS do to help members to thrive in the global chemistry enterprise?” In support of this goal, President Wu commissioned a task force entitled, “Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise”.

Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. I represent you at the National Meeting. Respectfully submitted, D. Zimmerman, Councilor POBS, 5/10/13.