

**Councilor Report**  
**240<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting**  
**Boston, MA**  
**Fall 2010**

- The candidates for **President-Elect 2011** in the fall 2010 ACS national election are:

Luis A. Echegoyen, Professor, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX  
Bassam Z. Shakhshiri, Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

- The Council received one amendment to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Recorded Votes. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition on Recorded Votes. This petition provides for additional voting methods, e.g., electronic clickers that have been recently used at Council meetings, when conducting recorded votes. The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petition.
- The Council was advised that two petitions that would have been up for action at this meeting were withdrawn: The Petition on President-Elect Eligibility and the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters. The Petition on President-Elect Eligibility requires that nominees or candidates for President-Elect come from an academic background every other election, and that only those from non-academic backgrounds would be eligible in the alternate years. The International Chemical Sciences Chapters petition provides for travel funds for either the Chair or Chair-Elect of International Chemical Sciences Chapters to attend governance meetings at twice the amount allotted for a Councilor.
- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Science. Continuation of the Committee on Science also requires Board of Directors concurrence.
- As of August 24, 2010, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 14,059 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular attendees 8,211; Students 3,230; Guests 393; Exhibit Only 733; and Exhibitors 1,492.
- The 2010 membership numbers are on track to meet year-end goals. The Student Member community has continued to grow since creation of this new member category in June 2009. The number of Student Members was 12,815 as of July 31, 2010.
- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Joseph Francisco invited the Council Policy Committee Vice Chair to present a proposal to move Council meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. The proposal included survey results from Councilors and other stakeholders followed by a robust discussion on the pros and cons of a move. Councilors concluded their discussion with a straw poll that showed 128 are supportive of the proposed move of Council to Tuesdays, 225 oppose the move, and 56 are undecided. The Council Policy Committee and the Board of Directors will decide by spring 2011 whether the Council should move from Wednesday to Tuesday.
- The Council VOTED to change the territory of the Northeast Oklahoma Local Section to include all members residing in the North Central Oklahoma Local Section territory. The North Central Oklahoma Local Section will be dissolving on December 31, 2010 because its membership has

fallen below the minimum requirement. This change in local section territory allows all members residing in the North Central Oklahoma territory to remain assigned to a local section.

- The Council also VOTED to change the territory of the Binghamton Local Section to include the Norwich Local Section, which will dissolve on December 31, 2010 because its membership also has fallen below the minimum membership requirement. This territory change will allow members residing in the Norwich territory to remain assigned to a local section.
- **Personal Notes:**
  - This was a miserable meeting weather wise. It rained and the wind blew for 5 straight days, and the bus transportation provided by the ACS to get back and forth between venues took forever in the Boston traffic. I ended up spending a night in Cincinnati at Delta's expense on the way home.

### **Project SEED**

- There was a very active Project SEED program at Notre Dame this summer involving four high school students. All did excellent work and want to come back next summer for SEED 2. If you missed the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, you missed hearing them present their work 😊
- Please consider making an extra-generous donation to Project SEED this year. Interest rates on the national SEED endowment have fallen so low as to provide insufficient funds, and donations have dropped as well. As a result the program will have some cuts nationally for next summer, including an across-the-board reduction in student stipends.

You can make your donation nationally through your dues check-off, or, if you want your funds to be used locally, send a check to Pat Boetcher, our Treasurer, or to me at Saint Mary's College. For a local contribution, make your check out to the Saint Joseph Valley Section, ACS and designate it for Project SEED.

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Councilor