

COUNCILOR REPORT
241st ACS NATIONAL MEETING
ANAHEIM, CA
MARCH 27-31, 2011

There were a couple of non-governance issues that I heard a lot about at this meeting: jobs and innovations through chemistry. In the area of jobs, there is a lot of concern about the loss of jobs by chemists and the inability for older and younger chemists to find gainful employment. On the other hand, there were a number of symposia dedicated to recent innovative advancements toward new energies and sustainability, all developed by chemists.

To read about the meeting highlights go to acs.org and click on the “Spring National Meeting Highlights” tab

Last year, President Joseph Francisco put together a task force to address the issue of “Building a Robust Workforce in the US.” [Andy link the report to our site.](#)

A couple of high school students wrote a rap song and dance that was performed in the hall where SciMix was held. Your esteemed Councilor was not present! The performance can be viewed at [Chemists Can Dance](#). (Note that if you expand the link below the video you can read the words, in case it goes to fast for you.)

The following actions were taken at Council

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2012: Judith L. Benham, Dennis Chamot, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Marinda Li Wu. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- In spite of the economic challenges faced in 2010, the Society’s operating performance held up remarkably well. Total revenue was \$463.7 million, up +0.8% from 2009, and \$2.4 million (+0.5%) higher than the 2010 budget. The Net from Operations was \$23.8 million, or \$11.9 million favorable to budget. This resulted largely from cost containment initiatives and lower-than-budgeted salaries and fringe benefits.
- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2012 at the fully escalated rate of \$148. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.
- The Council VOTED to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to divisions.
- The Council received one petition for consideration: The Petition on Position Statements. The Petition on Position Statements seeks to assure that the Board of Directors has primacy in issuing position statements that establish policy for the full Society and that Society bodies other than the Board may issue statements on issues that fall solely in their jurisdiction so long as they do not impair other Society bodies’ ability to do the same. Action is expected on this petition at the fall Council meeting.
- The Council was reminded of grant deadlines from the Committee on Local Section Activities as follows:
 - Science Café Grants – Ongoing
 - Bridging the Gap: Student Member Grant – December 1
 - Bridging the Gap: IYC Grant – June 1
 - Innovative Project Grants – June 30

- Joint LSAC/IAC International Interaction Grant – TBA
- Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111.
- As of March 30, 2011, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 14,047 registrants as follows: Regular attendees, 7,336; Students, 4,682; Exhibitors, 1,097; Exposition only, 599; and Guests, 333.
- The Council VOTED to amend the charter of the Committee on Technician Affairs to include updated terminology.
- The Council VOTED to change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section. This name change is due to the recent merger of the North Central Oklahoma Section and its territories into the Northeast Oklahoma Section. The proposed name change more closely reflects the combined territories of the two Sections.
- The Council VOTED to authorize the formation of the following two new international chemical sciences chapters: the Shanghai International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Thailand International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

This is my last year as Councilor for the St. Joseph Valley section. I will participate in the fall Denver meeting and complete 15 years in this position. It is time for someone younger and more energetic to take over☺ I would be happy to talk about what is involved with anyone interested.

For those considering, the Councilor reimbursement allotment is not sufficient to cover registration, housing (particularly in ACS selected hotels), and transportation to both meetings each year. I have been generously supported by Saint Mary's College. Since I am retiring from there as well, that funding will no longer be available. Anyone considering this position should have an employer funding resource, or expect to provide his/her own funding for one meeting a year.

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