

Councilor Report
San Francisco Meeting
Spring 2010
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I was unable to attend the San Francisco ACS meeting in March, nor was our Alternate Councilor. I do have the “Talking Points” that come out of the Council meeting and herewith share the salient points with you.

- Candidates for President Elect were selected by Council and are Luis A. Echegoyen and Bassam Z. Shakhrahashiri. These two candidates, and any subsequent petition candidates, will appear on the ballot in the fall. Their biographical information and “platforms” will appear in **C & E News** as the fall elections approach.
- Our District (II) will elect a new representative to the Board in the fall elections. The candidates are George M. Bodner and Joseph R. Peterson.
- Councilors will elect two Directors at Large to the Board in the fall elections. The candidates are Janan M. Hayes, Robert Lichter, Kathleen M. Shultz, and Kent J. Voorhees.
- Several petitions for amendments to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws have been hanging over Council for two years. They have been debated, revised, discussed further, and finally came to a vote at this meeting.
 - The petition to remove the Admissions Committee from the Bylaws and transfer its functions to the Council Committee of Membership Affairs was approved. This petition now requires the approval of the Board of Directors within 90 days.
 - The Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition was defeated. This petition would have amended the Constitution to emphasize that candidates selected by a petition process from members would have no further screening.
 - After much debate, the council defeated a petition to shorten the election timelines.
- While 2009 total revenue (\$490 Million) increased by 1% from 2008, it fell short of the 2009 budget by \$19.5 million or 4.1%. The deficit was anticipated early in the year. As a result, contingency planning and cost containment initiatives were implemented resulting in expense savings of \$22 million. As a result, the net Return from Operations was \$3.0 million greater than the approved budget. Unrestricted net assets rebounded in 2009 from ~\$60 million to ~\$124 million due to market recovery.
- Member dues were approved for 2011 at the fully escalated rate of \$146.
- The council voted to continue for three years the current formula for determining local section allotments.
- The ACS currently has a membership of 161,783, an increase of about 7600 over 2008. That includes the transition of 6658 student members to full membership status as a result of changes approved last year.
- This was large meeting, as San Francisco always is, with over 18,000 participants, over half of whom were students.

Respectfully,
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