

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY  
241<sup>st</sup> ACS NATIONAL MEETING  
ANAHEIM, CA  
MARCH 27-31, 2011**

All five Councilors from the Minnesota Section attended the Council meeting: Marilyn Duerst, Lynn Hartshorn, Ramesh Kumar, Sarah Mullins and Wayne Wolsey.

The following is a brief summary of the most important actions and reports.

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- 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.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2012-2014 term: Ken B. Anderson, William F. Carroll, Jr., Charles E. Kolb, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

**The Society's Finances**

- 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.

**2012 Member Dues**

- 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.

**Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws**

(For Consideration)

- 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.

**Grant Deadlines**

- 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

### **Member Statistics**

- 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.

### **Attendance Report**

- 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.

### **Petition to Charter New International Chemical Sciences Chapters**

- 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.

### **The Executive Director/CEO Report**

The Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports updated the Board on the activities of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's General Counsel. The General Counsel report included an update on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. ACS's appeal, which is supported by several prominent Ohio organizations and the Ohio Attorney General, has been accepted by the Ohio Supreme Court, and is under review by that body. As a follow-up to the Publications report, the Board VOTED to approve three editor reappointments to ACS journals.

### **Compensation of Society Executive Staff**

The Board received a report from its Committee on Executive Compensation and VOTED to approve several actions relative to compensation for the Society's Executive staff. The compensation of the Society's Executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

### **Other Society Issues**

The Board received a report from the President-Elect on plans and priorities during his presidential year. The Board also reviewed and discussed the presidential succession budget - particularly in light of increasing international and domestic travel demands.

### **The Society's International Activities**

The American Chemical Society and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (a federation of 28 chemical societies of countries and territories in the Asia Pacific) agreed to a three-year collaboration alliance characterized by mutual benefits, impact, and commitment to cooperation in service to chemical scientists, engineers and professionals represented by the respective organizations. The signing of this memorandum of understanding took place during a special ceremony at the Board's regular session.

The Board also received reports from several international guests representing the following scientific societies: the Chemical Society for Canada, the Latin American Federation of Chemical Associations, the German Chemical Society, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the Mexican Chemical Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies.