

## Councilor's Report Tracy P. Hamilton Alabama Section

I have let the Fall 2016 meeting report slip my mind, so I will combine it with a description of the 2017 Leadership Institute.

The 252nd ACS National Meeting was held Aug 19-24, 2016. I arrived the previous Friday in order to serve on the Local Sections Activities Committee (LSAC). I have finished my first year as chair a new subcommittee of LSAC, which is Operations and Support. I participate in the executive committee meetings, which are on Friday before the national meeting.

I have completed my fourth year of being an official member of LSAC. The OSS committee has responsibility for all annual reviews, and helping struggling sections as a part rather than being the sole focus. On Saturday we decided what to do with unspent funds, a large part of which was to bring local sections struggling with leadership to attend the Leadership Institute in early January. Jason Ritchie from Ole Miss was chosen as the LSAC chair, not me. Whew!

My subcommittee also ironed out what was to be done with the old Ocean County local section in New Jersey. In addition, two other changes in local section territory were approved and submitted to Council. On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the Permian Basin Local Section to annex the Texas counties of Pecos and Brewster, and the petition from the Upper Peninsula Local Section to annex unassigned and adjacent territory, and one Michigan county (Menominee) now currently assigned to the Northwest Wisconsin Local Section.

Saturday evening I attended the Dutch Treat dinner for LSAC at Maggiano's Little Italy. Sunday morning was LSAC subcommittee reports.

I also attended the open joint LSAC/CCA committee on Tuesday afternoon, and Council on Wednesday morning.

## **Actions of the Council**

### **Election Results**

#### *Elected Committees of Council*

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Harmon B. Abrahamson, Lissa A. Dulany, Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks, and Sally B. Peters for a 2017-2019 term, Martin D. Rudd for a 2017-2018 term, and Karl S. Booksh and Ella L. Davis for a one-year term, 2017, on the **Council Policy Committee**.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, Thomas H. Lane, Amber S. Hinkle, Alan M. Ehrlich, and Alan A. Hazari for a 2017-2019 term and Neil D. Jespersen for a one-year term, 2017, on the **Committee on Nominations and Elections**.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Wayne E. Jones, Jr., D. Richard Cobb, Stephanie J. Watson, Dee Ann Casteel, and Emilio X. Esposito for three year terms, 2017-2019, on the **Committee on Committees**.

## **Other Council Actions**

### *Continuation of Select Committees*

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, the Council voted to approve the continuation of the Committee on Analytical Reagents, and the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

### *Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver*

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council approved a petition to amend the ACS Bylaws to extend the Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver, which will extend waivers for unemployed members' dues from the current two years to three years, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

### *Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct*

On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, the Council approved the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

### *Special Discussion*

The Council conducted a special discussion to gather input on proposed recommendations from the ACS Presidential Task Force on the U.S. Employment of Chemists. The task force has been examining and considering all known influences that can impact employment in the chemical sciences. Councilors were invited to share their thoughts, comments, and suggestions on the proposed suggestions to date, in preparation for the report's expected release later this year.

## **Budget and Finance**

The Society's 2016 Probable 1 Budget calls for a Net from Operations of \$17.3 million. This is \$3.9 million higher than the Approved Budget but only \$723,000 higher than 2015. Total revenues are projected to be \$528.8 million, essentially on budget, and 3.3% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$511.5 million, which is 0.6% favorable to budget, and 3.3% higher than 2015.

Philadelphia **Meeting Attendance** as of Tuesday evening, August 23:

Attendees	7,437
Students	3,249
Exhibitors	1,181
Expo only	613
Guest	320
Total	12,800

## Board Actions

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2017 Perkin Medal, the 2017 National Science Board Public Service Award, and the 2017 Alan T. Waterman Award; and to approve the revised rescission procedures for the national awards and ACS Fellows designation.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of editors-in-chief for two ACS journals.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee of \$445 for national meetings held in 2017 and also authorized several program funding requests. They have a formula, and they always round up.

## 2017 Leadership Institute

The 2017 Leadership Institute was run in the Hotel Intercontinental in Dallas, TX. I participated in a pre-webinar on January 15, which had an audience of around 80 ACS members who came to the Leadership Institute. I asked the Chair-elect Joe March, or our current amazing secretary Kate Hayden to go, but neither could not fit going there into their calendars when the time came to register. I informed them that I could fill them in on anything they needed to know.

My part was to run a workshop (90 minutes) twice on "Planning Successful Activities". After that was attending a workshop I had taken before, as a refresher: Engaging and Motivating Volunteers. Perhaps the most important aspect was the people I got to meet and network with. The North Alabama section is looking to be a bit more active, I met some interesting folks doing odor analysis, amongst others from Southeast Texas who will have me sometime for my beer talk. I will also be giving my beer talk at Auburn Mar 3 and in Atlanta April 25 (this came about from the webinar where I casually mentioned that I am an ACS speaker).

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