

Councilor's Report Tracy P. Hamilton Alabama Section

The 251st ACS National Meeting was held Mar 13-17, 2016. I arrived the early in order to attend the Local Sections Activities Committee (LSAC) executive committee meeting on Friday. El Nino was bringing a bit of rain to San Diego on and off, but not any heavy rains.

I am now in my fourth year of being an official member of LSAC. I am the chair of the subcommittee called Operations and Support (O&S). We discussed some proposed revisions for Charter bylaws for new sections (recommended to LSAC and approved). There was a feeling that clarity was needed on what to do if a treasurer is incapacitated temporarily. O&S also discussed the sections which were unable to get their reports in by the Feb 15 deadline, and some other sections which have challenges. We reviewed the effectiveness of the Getting Your Section Back On Track Workshop at the 2016 Leadership Institute, with general acclim from the participants. Later, the working group to decide annexation of unassigned territory (previously Ocean County, now potentially in Princeton and South jersey sections) met, with the councilors from Princeton and South Jersey.

Saturday evening I attended the Dutch Treat dinner for LSAC at Mr A's (on top of a tall building with a great view of the bay and Naval Station. Sunday morning was LSAC subcommittee reports. The Grants and Awards subcommittee decided on the Innovative Project Awards (IPG). This year Sam Subramanian of the Alabama section was successful in getting his IPG "**Revitalizing Chemistry Teaching with AACT - One Day Academy for Birmingham Inner City School Science**" funded.

While in San Diego, I met with one of our UAB graduates (Crystal Fraley) who works for Whitelabs Yeast company doing research in Davis, CA. Crystal came down to the company headquarters in San Diego to get training, and arranged the timing in order to meet me, and accompany me on a tour.

I also attended the open joint LSAC/CCA committee on Tuesday afternoon.

Results from Council Meeting on Wednesday.

Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to nomelect@acs.org. N&E has established the Vote 20/20 Task Force, charged with examining all aspects of nominations and elections for ACS national offices, and designing an enhanced process to be in place by the year 2020. The committee welcomes ideas from all members as to how nominations and elections should be handled. Send comments to vote2020@acs.org

Election Results

Candidates for District IV

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the San Diego meeting to select *candidates* from the list of *nominees* to serve as Directors from District II and District IV on the Board of Directors for the term 2017-2019. By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected **Rigoberto Hernandez** and our own **Larry K. Krannich** as **District IV candidates**. Ballots will be distributed on September 29, 2016 to all ACS members in District II and District IV for election of a Director from each District.

DISTRICT IV^a

Nominee	1st Choice	2nd Tabulation	3rd Tabulation
*Hernandez	29	29	34
*Krannich	22	24	25
Ritchie	7	8	-
Streusand	4	-	-

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2017: Peter J. Dorhout, Thomas R. Gilbert, C. Bradley Moore, and Gregory H. Robinson (born in Alabama – did not know that!). By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Peter J. Dorhaut** and **Tom Gilbert** as **candidates for 2017 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election. This was the first time there was preference voting.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2017-2019 terms: **Joseph A. Heppert, Kristin M. Omberg, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Kathleen M. Schulz**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on September 29, 2016.

2017 Member Dues

- The Council voted to set the member dues for 2017 at the fully escalated rate of \$166. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws. There were a few nays, as usual.

Budget and Finance (B&F)

In 2015, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$16.6 million, which was \$3.2 million favorable to budget. Total revenues were \$511.7 million, essentially on budget. Expenses ended the year at \$495.1 million, which was \$3.1 million or 0.6% favorable to budget. This variance was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management

across the Society. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2015, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$144.7 million at December 31, 2014 to \$163.3 million at year-end 2015.

Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E)

In compliance with the National Meeting Long Range Financial Plan and the recommendations of the 2015 Task Force on Implementing National Meeting Financial Targets, the Committee on Meetings and Expositions has recommended that the Early Member Registration Fee for the 2017 national meetings be \$440. The Board will vote on this recommendation later this year. There were complaints about the lack of printed programs, inaccuracy of printed and app based information in the technical program. A voucher was proposed by a member of council for the program book.

San Diego Meeting Attendance

As of Tuesday evening, March 15:

Attendees	8398
Students	5979
Exhibitors	1094
Expo only	473
Guest	383
Total	16,327

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