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Immediate Past Chair's Report – Spring 2016

I take this opportunity to thank the Division for their stalwart support of me during my year as Chair. I had a great time and we accomplished a lot together.

We completed our Strategic Plan which will guide our Division for the next several years. We've begun the process of implementing the various strategies identified as priorities to the Division. As with any large project, progress seems slow but we are making progress. If you'd like to be involved in implementation, please let me or John, our current chair, know.

We also successfully launched our new subdivision, Cannabis Chemistry (CANN). They are an energetic bunch with much enthusiasm to be a part of CHAS. Already, they are well-regarded in the Society for presenting excellent (and well-attended) National meeting programming and known for collaborating with other Divisions.

Coming out of Naveen Sangji's remarks to us in Boston, a writing team has been created to develop a policy statement and guidance materials on chemical safety for the Board. Collaborating with CCS and led by Ken Fivizzani, the team is working towards this goal. With help from ACS staff, the team is making good progress.

Ralph Stuart and our good friend Leah McEwan (from CINF) were the proud recipients of a ChemLuminary award in Boston. Partnering with the Division of Chemical Information and the ACS Committee on Chemical Safety EHS Task Force, CHAS held a workshop supporting chemical risk assessment in the laboratory environment. Their work was presented at a UCLA lab safety conference in April 2014 and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry conference in Toronto in July 2014.

I am tremendously proud to be associated with the Division. We do great work and make a difference every day in the lives of those who work with chemicals.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Decker, Immediate Past Chair