

# Attachment 5

## Councilor's Report – March 2016

### 251<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting – San Diego, CA

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*The Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 8 AM in the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, Sapphire Ballroom.*

Items which will come up for action (vote) by Councilors:

- Election of nominees for President:
  - Peter K. Dorhout
  - Thomas R. Gilbert
  - C. Bradley Moore
  - Gregory H. Robinson
- Recommendation on membership dues for 2017:
  - 2016 - \$162.00
  - 2017 - \$166.00
- Approval of “Academic Professional Guidelines”

Other items of interest to CHAS:

- President Donna Nelson selected the following panel discussion for San Diego
  - Safety and Ethics in Our Community: Controlling Science, by and for all scientists (this is being organized by Neal Langerman and a committee of several). It includes a Presidential poster session (FWB is working as the organizer, Bob Hill is contributing to this) and there will also be a follow-up symposium related to K-12 safety in the CHAS programming. See Neal's update for details.
- Executive Director Thomas Connelly reported: *The end of 2015 was marked by tragic laboratory accidents in both a high school and a leading global university. While ACS has always played a prominent role on matters related to chemical lab safety, I have challenged our staff to explore additional steps that ACS can take, in order to effect durable improvements in chemical laboratory safety, in all settings, worldwide. I look forward to communicating developments on this front, in the course of 2016.*
- There is a Safety Policy Statement working group headed by Ken F. This group has provided draft language for Dr. Connelly as a response from the last meeting to those interested in the UCLA case. The group is currently working on draft language to be presented to the ACS Board of Directors to facilitate responses on future safety issues. The working group has members of CHAS, CCS and Staff to facilitate getting this statement working through ACS Governance.

- The ACS has released its 2016 Strategic Plan. The Board Committee responsible for this plan is led by Kathleen Schultz. The current plan is reviewed annually by the board and is more evergreen than previous plans. More information about the strategic plan can be found at [www.Strategy.ACS.ORG](http://www.Strategy.ACS.ORG) - it is a nice information graphic. But in order to make change and elevate some of the issues that we have been discussing, it is essential that members make comments about the plan - what is missing, what is working, and what needs to be emphasized. Comments can be made by emailing [strategicplan@acs.org](mailto:strategicplan@acs.org). The Board and the Committee do read the comments. You can also make comments to one of your Division Counselors.
- Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs issued a draft revision for review of: *Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct* (found on pages 72-74 in the Council Agenda for San Diego). Comments may be sent to [careers@acs.org](mailto:careers@acs.org) before April 30, 2016 so that the revision will be up for Council vote at the Philadelphia meeting.
- Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is offering a petition to extend the Unemployed Members' Dues Wavier (to 3 years). Discussion for this petition will be in open meetings at **Committee on Membership Activities** (primary responsibility), Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Council Policy Committee, Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.
- Committee on Chemical Safety reported:
  - Progress of Task Force for Safety Education Guidelines
  - Release of *Identifying and Evaluating Hazards in Research Laboratories* in 2015.
  - An updated *Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratories, Volume 1*, should be completed in 2016.
  - Three thousand free copies of *Creating Safety Culture in Academic Institutions*. This document may be accessed for free at [www.acs.org/safety](http://www.acs.org/safety). Printed copies are available for \$10 each.

**Respectfully submitted by**

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