

Report of the Councilors

A great deal has happened in the past six months. At the December ACS Board Meeting, the Board voted upon the new ACS Policy Statement on Safety and the new Strategic Plan. The new Policy Statement was announced in C&EN (<http://cen.acs.org/articles/95/i3/ACS-adds-policy-statement-safety.html>) and has been placed on the ACS website, <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/policy.html>.

Also of significance is the mention of safety in the ACS Core Values – the core values now listed for the ACS are:

- *Passion for Chemistry and the Global Chemistry Enterprise

- *Focus on Members

- *Professionalism, Safety, and Ethics

- *Diversity and Inclusion

Thus, a great deal has happened and it is due to the hard work of many of the members of the Division and those passionate about safety for everyone. As part of these efforts, the Society is collecting information on the various activities throughout the organization regarding safety. This includes new author guidelines for ACS publications, the release of a new hazardous reactions database (<http://cen.acs.org/articles/95/i12/Database-hazardous-reactions-launched.html>), and collecting data about safety committees. The culture is definitely changing.

Looking forward –

At Council, we will be narrowing the field of candidates for ACS President. The four potential candidates are: Bonnie Charpentier, Mark Frishberg, Anne Gaffney, and Willie May. Other actions before the Council at this meeting include:

- A vote on extending the International Chapter Test
- Two potential bylaw changes: one on the rights of affiliates and one on International Chapters
- A name change for the Santa Clara Valley Section
- The approval for the distribution formula for Division funding

The Division funding allocation formula is part of the routine renewal action (Council must vote on it once every three years). Here is the current proposal and a statement by DAC:

To review, the current formula features six general buckets from which divisions earn allocation funding:

1. Innovative Projects Allotment (10% of total funds allocated to divisions is ‘taken off the top’ and distributed to divisions based on a competitive grant proposal process administered by DAC)
2. Base Allotment (an equal amount given to all divisions, regardless of size)
3. Per Member Allotment (based on year-end number of division members)
4. Total Number of Attendees at Oral Sessions held at ACS National Meetings
5. Total Number of Division Members Registered for ACS National Meetings
6. Total Number of Division Posters presented at ACS National Meetings

Here are the percentages allocated to each of the six buckets of funding:

Innovative Project Grants: 10%

Base: 15%

Per Member: 12.5%

Number of Attendees at Oral Sessions: 31.25%

Number of Division Members at National Meetings: 15.625%

Number of Divisions Posters Presented at National Meetings: 15.625%

DAC recommends Council approve the current formula described above.

On a related note, and for possible Council consideration in 2018, the committee has expressed interest in modifying the allocation formula to reward divisions that engage at ACS Regional Meetings, and internationally. It is working out the details of how such engagement would be measured, and will discuss them in 2017. DAC tentatively plans to present to Council at the spring 2018 National Meeting a new formula that integrates these changes, and perhaps others.

Respectfully Submitted