

## **Report on the Council Agenda for March 25, 2009**

The Council of the American Chemical Society will meet in Salt Lake City, UT on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm in the Grand Ballroom B/C of the Grand America Hotel. All ACS members are welcome to attend, although only Councilors are permitted to vote. A continental breakfast is usually available at 7:00am for all attendees.

There are not many items for Council Action, and these items are summarized below:

### **Nominations and Elections**

*President-Elect:* The Committee on Nominations & Elections has identified four nominees for the office of 2010 ACS President-Elect: Berkeley (Buzz) W. Cue, Jr., Nancy B. Jackson, Cheryl A. Martin, and Dorothy J. Phillips. Council will vote to select two candidates who will run for office in the Fall of 2009. The four nominees will answer questions at the Town Hall meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009 in the Grand America Hotel, Grand Ballroom D, from 4:45pm - 5:45pm. All ACS members are encouraged to attend. It is a great way to gather first-hand information and decide for whom you might want to vote in the Fall election.

### **Committee on Committees (ConC)**

The Committee on Committees reports that the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA) wishes to change its charter to include policies that impact science education funding. The first point of their charter currently reads: "Identify and analyze legislative, regulatory, research and other science policy issues that impact upon the chemical sciences and technologies." They are requesting that Council approve the following to replace it: "Identify and analyze legislative; regulatory; research; **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education funding**; and other science policy issues that impact upon the chemical sciences and technologies." CCPA is already active in efforts to increase federal funding for STEM education at NNF, DOE, and the Department of Education. They believe that their efforts will only increase due to their involvement in the pilot State Government Affairs Program as the state program will be focused on science education.

### **ACS Dues for 2010**

Council will vote on the recommendation from the Committee on Budget and Finance with regard to the 2010 membership dues (an increase of \$5.00 - from \$140 to \$145). The increases to ACS dues are based upon an escalator defined in the ACS Bylaws (Bylaw XII, Section 3,a). The dues are calculated by multiplying the base (current) rate "by a factor which is the ratio of the revised Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Service Category) for the second year previous to the dues year to the value of the index for the third year previous to the dues year, as published by the United States Department of Labor, with the fractional dollar amounts rounded to the nearest whole dollar".

Base rate 2009: \$140.00

Change in the Consumer Price Index, Urban Wage Earners, Services Category:

2008 CPI-W Services: 252.176

2007 CPI-W Services: 244.275

Change in CPI-W Index: 3.234%

2010 Dues, fully escalated:  $\$140.00 \times 1.0323 = \$144.53$

2108 Dues, Rounded: \$145.00

### **Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs**

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) is requesting that Council approve the Eighth Edition of the Professional Employment Guidelines (PEG). It contains revisions to make the document consistent with "The Academic Professional Guidelines (APG)" and "The Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct." It also updates the document with new issues. It was submitted for consideration at the Philadelphia National meeting in August 2009 and has been approved by ACS legal Counsel. The documents noted above can be accessed at:

[http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=PP\\_TRANSITIONMAIN&node\\_id=1095&use\\_sec=false&sec\\_url\\_var=region1&\\_uuid=c0eb155b-6bfe-40e1-8a4c-3b976f237b43](http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_TRANSITIONMAIN&node_id=1095&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&_uuid=c0eb155b-6bfe-40e1-8a4c-3b976f237b43)

### **Bylaw Changes for Action**

There are no Bylaw changes in the agenda for Council Action:

### **Bylaw Changes for Consideration**

There is one Bylaw change included in the Agenda book for consideration only. Action will be scheduled for Washington DC in the fall of 2009. The bylaw being requested to be changed by the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) is Bylaw V – the Manner of Election (national elections). The potential change is to the timeline for elections as candidates have complained about the length of the election process and the exclusion of petitioners from the full election/vetting process. The proposed timeframe will make the campaign process less onerous and allow full participation of candidates in the Council review process. With this change, N&E would submit the names of nominees by March 1 rather than by January 15. Petitioner candidates would be identified by June 15 rather than July 15. Council would select candidates for President-elect at a meeting to be held no later than October 1 (rather than May 1). The selection would no longer be limited to two candidates, but would be limited to half of the number of nominees (the sum of those chosen by N&E and by member petitioners). If an odd number of nominees is on the Council ballot, then the number of candidates to be selected to the next higher integer.

The financial impact of this petition is still being assessed.

### **Special Discussion Item**

The special discussion item scheduled for the Salt Lake City, UT Council Meeting is: *“What can ACS do to attract new members while better serving our membership during these challenging economic times?”*

### **Town Hall Meeting**

A Town Hall meeting organized by the Committee on Nominations and Elections is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009 in the Grand America Hotel, Grand Ballroom D, from 4:45pm - 5:45pm. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions of the four nominees for the 2008 ACS President-Elect. All ACS members are encouraged to attend. It is a great way to gather first-hand information and decide for whom you might want to vote in the Fall election.

Respectfully submitted March 2, 2009

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