

## **Report on the Council Agenda for August 25, 2010**

The Council of the American Chemical Society will meet in Boston, MA on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Boston 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.

The few items for Council Action are summarized below. There are no contentious petitions for bylaw changes. There is a special discussion item on the possibility of moving Council meetings to Tuesday and this is a potentially a hot issue.

### **Nominations and Elections**

*Council Policy Committee:* Council will vote to fill four slots on the Council Policy Committee. There are eight nominees as follows: John E. Adams, Lawrence Barton, Alan B. Cooper, Alan M. Ehrlich, Mary Virginia Orna, Sally B. Peters, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Donovan R. Porterfield.

*Committee on Committees:* Council will vote to fill five slots on the Committee on Committees. There are ten nominees as follows: Janet L. Bryant, H. N. Cheng, Alan W. Elzerman, Amber S. Hinkle, Roland F. Hirsch, Ann H. Hunt, V. Michel Mautino, Roger A. Parker, Yorke E. Rhodes, and Steven W. Yates

*Committee on Nominations and Elections:* Council will vote to fill five slots on the Committee on Nominations and Elections. There are ten nominees as follows: Jeannette E. Brown, Martha L. Casey, D. Richard Cobb, Lissa Dulany, John W. Finley, Martin L. Gorbaty, Melanie J. Lesko, David J. Lohse, Herbert B. Silber, and Angela K. Wilson

### **Committee on Committees**

The Committee on Committees will recommend the continuation or dissolution of the committees for which they have completed their review. The committees were not identified in the Council Agenda book.

### **Special Discussion**

In August 2009, Council-related committee chairs were asked to consider how to improve efficiency and effectiveness of their committee's work. These considerations include holding virtual meetings, shorter meetings, etc. Linked to this is the proposal to reschedule Council meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday as many Councilors are finding it difficult to be away from the workplace for a long period of time. When a group of Councilors, committee members, etc. were surveyed, there were 546 responses of which 52.4% favor such a move. However, it is a complicated issue as there would be a domino effect and other meetings would have to be changed as well. This discussion is meant to give everyone who wants a chance to speak in favor or against the proposal to do so. If the change ultimately is made, it would not likely take place until the spring of 2012.

### **Bylaw Changes for Action**

There is one Bylaw change on the agenda for Council Action:

#### **Petition on Recorded Votes**

The objective of this petition is to allow Council votes to be recorded by audience response devices (clickers) and not be limited to written votes. It eliminates the time required for a manual counting of hand-written votes. The information stored in the voting system would be subsequently retrieved and printed, showing the recorded vote of each Councilor as prescribed by the Bylaws. According to the Committee on Budget and Finance, the financial implications of this petition are minimal (\$0 - \$100K).

## **Local Section Activities Committee**

The Local Sections Activity Committee (LSAC) has two petitions for a change in section territory that must be approved by Council. First, the Northeast Oklahoma Local Section requests approval to include the North Central Oklahoma Local Section territory that will automatically dissolve on 12/31/2010 as it has fallen below the minimum membership requirements. If included in the Northeast Oklahoma Section the members of the dissolving section will remain members of a local section. Members of both sections have given their approval.

The Binghamton Local Section requests approval to change its territory to include the Norwich Local Section that will automatically dissolve on 12/31/2010 as it has fallen below the minimum membership requirements. If included in the Binghamton Section the members of the dissolving section will remain members of a local section. Members of both sections have given their approval.

## **Town Hall Meeting**

A Town Hall meeting organized by the Committee on Nominations and Elections is scheduled for Sunday, August 22, 2010 in the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Back Bay Ballroom C, 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.

Respectfully submitted August 3, 2010

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