

Report on the Council Agenda for March 19, 2014

The Council of the American Chemical Society will meet in Dallas, TX on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm in the Dallas Ballroom A-C of the Sheraton Dallas 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 a number of items for Council Action, but the majority are routine and not major. The action items are summarized below.

Nominations and Elections

President-Elect: The Committee on Nominations & Elections (N&E) has identified four nominees for the office of 2015 ACS President-Elect. They are as follows: Peter K. Dorhout, William A. Lester, Jr., Christopher K. Ober, and Henry F. Schaefer, III. The four nominees will answer questions at the Town Hall meeting that will be held on Sunday, March 16th, at 4:45pm in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Questions may be submitted in advance at: nomelect@acs.org. Council will select the final two candidates whose names will appear on the fall ballot.

Other Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections has announced the list of nominees to represent District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2015-2017. Nominees for District III include Dee Ann Casteel, Pat N. Confalone, Anne S. DeMasi, and Kathryn E. Uhrich. Nominees for District VI are Allison A. Campbell, Paul W. Jagodzinski, Lee H. Latimer, and Eleanor D. Siebert. Ballots have been mailed to the voting councilors in the two districts and the results will be announced in Dallas. On or before October 10, 2014, ballots listing the two candidates selected by the Councilors for each District will be mailed to all members of District III and District VI for the election of a Director from each District...

The Committee on Nominations and Elections also announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for a 2015 - 2017 term: Dawn A Brooks, William F. Carroll, Jr., Barbara A. Sawrey, and Ellen B. Stechel. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10, 2014

Continuation of Committees

Having completed their five year review, the Committee on Committees will seek Council approval for the continuation of the following committees: Chemical Safety, Chemistry and Public Affairs, and Minority Affairs.

ACS Dues for 2015

Council will vote on the recommendation from the Committee on Budget and Finance with regard to the 2015 membership dues (an increase of \$4.00 - from \$154 to \$158). The increases to ACS dues are based upon an escalator defined in the ACS Bylaws (Bylaw XIII, 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 2014: \$154.00

Change in the Consumer Price Index, Urban Wage Earners, Services Category:
December 2013 CPI-W (Services): \$274.948

December 2012 CPI-W Services: 268.661
Change in CPI-W Index: 2.34%

2015 Dues, fully escalated: \$154.00 x 1.0234 = \$157.60
2015 Dues, Rounded: \$158.00

Change in Committees

The Committee on Committees (ConC) will put forth a recommendation for the continuation of the committees that have been reviewed as required by the Committee Sunset Laws. The committees were not named in the Agenda Book.

Dues Allocations to Divisions

Every three years at a spring national meeting the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is required to bring to Council a formula for allocation dues funds to Divisions. The one to be presented in Dallas is a slightly modified version of the current formula. There are four general buckets from which Divisions earn allocation funds. Base Allotment, the Per Member Allotment, the Innovative Projects Allotment, and Total Programming Allotment (the latter reflects a division's activity at national meetings).

There are two changes to the existing formula being proposed. One slightly increases the percentage of the Base Allotment that all divisions receive from 12.5% to 15%. The other calls for a slight decrease in the funds allocated to divisions for their Total Programming Allotment – from 65% to 62.5%

The intent of the change is to provide small divisions (those with less than 2,000 members such as CINF) with a modest increase in funds in order to enhance their opportunity for success. The large divisions (those with more than 3,500 members) will lose no more than 2.5% of their funding.

Change in Local Section Territory

The Committee on Local Section has been requested to approve the territory of the North Jersey Local Section to include the former Monmouth County Local Section territory. The latter section dissolved on 12/31/13 due to inactivity and is currently an unassigned territory.

Petitions for Vote

Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapters

One legal application has been received for the formation of the Malaysia International Chemical Sciences Chapter. It will consist of the territory of Malaysia and is not part of any other Local Section or Chapter of the Society. The application was initiated and signed by ACS members in good standing of the Society who reside in the Territory. It meets all of the requirements and includes a proposed budget for the Chapter's operations (which includes no funding from the Society). The petition has been reviewed by the ACS Joint-Board Committee on International Activities (IAC). This action seeks Council approval and is contingent on the approval of the ACS Board of Directors, after which (if given) the Chapter will begin operation.

Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting organized by the Committee on Nominations and Elections is scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 2014 in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas Ballroom B, from 4:45pm - 5:45pm. It will highlight a Q&A session with the candidates for 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 10, 2014

CINF Councilors

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