

Report on the Council Agenda for March 25, 2015

The Council of the American Chemical Society will meet in Denver, CO on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm in the Centennial Ballroom D-H of the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center 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 only a few items for Council Action and most are routine. 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 2016 ACS President-Elect. They are as follows: G. Bryan Balazs, Allison A. Campbell, David J. Lohse, and Christopher J. Welch. The four nominees will answer questions at the Town Hall meeting that will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, at 4:30pm in the Centennial Ballroom F&G of the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center Hotel. Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Questions may be submitted in advance at: nomelect@acs.org. On March 25th 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 I and District V on the Board of Directors for the term 2016-2018. Nominees for District I include Perry L. Catchings, Sr., Thomas R. Gilbert, Gerard F. R. Parkin, and Laura E. Pence. Nominees for District V are John E. Adams, Debbie C. Crans, Kenneth P. Fivizzani, and Donna G. Friedman. Ballots have been mailed to the voting councilors in the two districts and the results will be announced in Denver. On or before October 10, 2015, ballots listing the two candidates selected by the Councilors for each District will be mailed to all members of District I and District V 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 2016-2018 term: Willem R. Leenstra, Ingrid Montes, Mary Jo Ondrechen, and Thomas W. Smith. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to all Councilors on or before October 10, 2015.

Continuation of Committees

Having completed their five year reviews, the Committee on Committees will seek Council approval for the continuation of the Committee on Ethics and the Committee on Science.

ACS Dues for 2016

Council will vote on the recommendation from the Committee on Budget and Finance with regard to the 2016 membership dues (an increase of \$4.00 - from \$158 to \$162). 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 2015: \$158.00

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

December 2014 CPI-W (Services):	\$281.800
December 2013 CPI-W Services:	274.948
Change in CPI-W Index:	2.49%

2016 Dues, fully escalated: \$158.00 x 1.0249 = \$161.94

2016 Dues, Rounded: \$162.00

Petitions for Vote

Petition to Charter two new International Chemical Sciences Chapters

One legal application has been received for the formation of the India International Chemical Sciences Chapter. It will consist of the territory of India which 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 of Bylaw IX and includes a statement that the applicants are familiar with and will abide by all governing documents of the Society, including Bylaw IX Section 2(c), which states that the Chapter and its officers, as representatives of the Chapter, shall not engage in political activity, shall avoid any activities that may adversely affect the interests and/or public and professional images of the Society, and shall assure that all activities of the Chapter shall be open to all members of the Society. The application 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 can begin operation.

In addition, a second legal application has been received for the formation of the Taiwan International Chemical Sciences Chapter. It will consist of the territory of Taiwan which 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 of Bylaw IX and includes a statement that the applicants are familiar with and will abide by all governing documents of the Society, including Bylaw IX Section 2(c), which states that the Chapter and its officers, as representatives of the Chapter, shall not engage in political activity, shall avoid any activities that may adversely affect the interests and/or public and professional images of the Society, and shall assure that all activities of the Chapter shall be open to all members of the Society. The application 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 can begin operation.

Petitions for Consideration

Petition on Member Expulsion

The petitioners believe that the current Bylaws (Bylaw 1, Section 5) on removal of members is too cumbersome and that a procedure to be developed by the Committee on Membership Affairs would be preferable. Currently there are several steps each of which involves creation or use of an additional body to consider the charges. The petitioners believe that "the intent of the Constitution (Article IV, Sec. 3) and the current Bylaw can be met, and due process maintained for the charged member, by using a procedure modeled after those currently recommended by the

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) for the removal of officers for neglect of duties.” The petitioners further believe that the intent of the Bylaws can be met by amending the Bylaw and delegating authority to the Council Committee on Membership Affairs to promulgate and amend such procedures as are necessary to implement this amendment separately from the Bylaws. Reference to the “Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct” could provide a framework for determining “conduct injurious to the Society.” Petitioners have developed an example of the type of detailed procedures that could be adapted by the Council Committee on Membership Affairs and the Council Policy Committee and suggest that if approved the procedures be published as part of the ACS Governing Documents.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) has said that it is unclear if the purpose of this proposed Bylaw amendment will make the removal procedure any less cumbersome, but it does appear that if approved, this amendment will streamline the Bylaws. C&B finds that the petition is legal and not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society, but has requested slight modification in the wording. The financial implication of the petition is being assessed.

Petition on Preferential Voting

The petitioners propose changes to the ACS Bylaws to provide for the use of preferential balloting in elections for nominees and candidates, where necessary, to achieve a majority of votes to win an election. The petition moves from the Bylaws details on preferential voting in the elections for President-Elect and Director-at-Large to procedures developed by the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), and adds preferential voting for District Director, again with detailed procedures being developed by N&E. All such procedures developed by N&E are to be approved by Council.

C&B finds that the petition is legal and not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society, but has requested slight modification in the wording. The financial implication of the petition is being assessed.

Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting organized by the Committee on Nominations and Elections is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2015 in the Centennial Ballroom F&G of the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center Hotel from 4:30pm - 5:30pm. 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 February 14, 2015

CINF Councilors

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