Division Councilors Bob Hill and Russ Phifer attended the Council meeting in San Francisco. The following report summarizes actions that may be of interest to DCHAS members.

- Following selection of Peter K. Dorhout and William A. Lester, Jr. as the Candidates for President-Elect at the Council meeting, Donna Nelson was added by petition. The results of the Fall 2014 election are as follows:

  Donna Nelson 13,934  
  Peter Dorhout  8,944  
  William Lester  4,886

**Committee Reviews**

Council Policy (CPC)

CPC announced that the recommendations of its Task Force to Review the Councilor Reimbursement Policy, approved in March 2014, were forwarded to the Society Committee on Budget and Finance and ultimately will go to the Board for action. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board voted to approve funding for the changes, which increase Local Section and Division reimbursements for Councilor travel.

At the spring meeting in 2015, CPC will set the divisor for 2016 – 2019. The formula will be based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2014. Official notification of the Councilor divisor and the number of Councilors permitted for Local Sections or Divisions will be sent to Local Sections and Divisions no later than May 1, 2015, as it will affect elections conducted in 2015. CPC will form a small task force on Councilor Divisor Communications to assist staff.

- After voting to postpone its implementation by one year, the Council voted to approve a revised formula for allocating dues funds to divisions. This formula, which was presented by the Committee on Divisional Activities, will be effective with allocations for 2015 division performance.
Meetings & Expositions (M&E)
Meeting Registration Report

• M&E reported that 11,847 papers were accepted for the 248th National Meeting in San Francisco. As of August 13, total attendance was 15,761. The Exposition had 432 booths with 285 exhibiting companies. The Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors the following sites for National Meetings:
  o Boston - Fall 2024, 2029, 2031
  o San Diego - Spring 2025, 2031, and Fall 2027
  o New Orleans - Spring 2027, 2032
  o Chicago - Fall 2022
• The new ACS Mobile Application had over 6,000 downloads by meeting attendees.
• M&E voted to eliminate the author index in the hard program meeting program book beginning with the spring 2015 meeting. The searchable author index is now available via the mobile application and other electronic means.

Divisional Activities (DAC)

• DAC is conducting a pilot program with the ACS Presentations on Demand Coordinating Editor regarding a new type of recorded meeting content – three to five-minute videos (ACS POD Shorts) that focus on the most notable aspects of a full-length presentation. DAC voted to fund eight Innovative Project Grants, totaling $33,750. DAC is also developing a process to more readily permit divisions to benefit from one another’s innovations.
The Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group is proposing the following 2018-2019 national meeting themes to the divisions for their consideration:

  2018 Spring – Energy Solutions and the Environment
     Fall – Chemistry – from Bench to Market
  2019 Spring – Chemistry for New Frontiers

Professional Training (CPT)

At the SF meeting, CPT evaluated 42 periodic reports from currently approved programs, two from programs on probationary status, and one site visit report from a school applying for ACS approval. Four new programs were approved, and one institution was removed from the approved list. The Committee concluded discussion of the guidelines revision and voted provisional approval of the draft document. The draft will be distributed to department chairs of chemistry programs this fall. CPT also approved the
final report of a survey on chemical information resources that will be published in the Committee newsletter and website.

The ACS Board of Directors has announced that Thomas Connelly, Jr. has been appointed as Executive Director of the Society, and will take office on February 17, 2015. Dr. Connelly is retiring as Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer for DuPont.

Respectfully submitted,

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