

Report of Immediate Past Chair

CHAS continues to work for improvement of safety in chemistry laboratories. We continue to collaborate with other divisions and committees; one result is the strong technical program and workshops in Boston. Thanks to those who made presentations, organized symposia, and staffed the CHAS/CCS booth in Denver and Boston. Thanks also to those who took the time to organize or participate in technical symposia or workshops at ACS regional meetings.

Division representatives participated in the Small Chemical Business “Program-in-a-Box” webinar *How to Create a Safety Culture While Growing Your Business* in April. Ellen Sweet coordinated our responses to the OSHA PEL and the National Library of Medicine requests for information. Sammie Sigmann has updated and entered changes to our administrative manual. Several CHAS members participated in a strategic planning retreat in July. Our journal continues to make advances in quality and reputation. These are examples of how we continue to contribute to the growing area of chemical health and safety both within and beyond ACS.

The candidates for the 2015 CHAS Election have been presented to division members. Please consider running for office in 2016 if you have the time and interest in the leadership of our division.

Harry Elston and Frankie Wood-Black were selected as ACS Fellows in 2015. Congratulations to all of the 2015 Fellows. Jyllian Kemsley will receive the Howard Fawcett Award and Eli Pearce will posthumously receive the Tillmanns-Skolnick Award at this meeting.

Thanks for an active and productive 2015. CHAS is a successful division because of all those members who contribute to the activity and running of the division. Keep up the good work and give Debbie and John the high level of support that you have provided in the past.

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