

REPORT 240<sup>th</sup> MEETING, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, BOSTON, MA,  
August 23-26, 2010

#### Elections

The Council elected Janet Bryant, H.N. Cheng, Amber Hinkle, V. Michael Mautino, and Yorke Rhodes to the Committee on Committees.

John Adams, Alan Ehrlich, Mary Virginia Orna, and Dorothy Phillips were elected to the Council Policy Committee.

Jeanette Brown, Martha Casey, D. Richard Cobb, Lissa Dulany, and Angela Wilson were elected to the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

The candidates for President-elect in 2010 are:

Luis Echegoyen, former NSF Chair now Professor, Univ. Texas, El Paso; and Bassam Shakhashiri, Professor, Univ. Wisconsin. You will get your ballots with biographical information by mail early October and have the choice of mail-return or electronic voting. The bioinfo will also be in C&EN.

Councilors will elect two Directors –at-large (candidates: Janan Hayes, Robert Lichter, Kathleen Schultz, and Kent Voorhees) in the Fall balloting. District II and IV Councilors will vote for one Director each.

#### Bylaw Amendments

The Council voted unanimously by voice vote to amend the Bylaws to use electronic voting- Clickers- in the future provided the Board approves.

Two Bylaw amendments were withdrawn. One was to specify academic and non-academic President-elect candidates in alternate years. This is the current practice though petition candidates aren't restricted re employer; the amendment would have restricted such petition candidates. No explanation for the withdrawal was given and the matter may come up again. The second amendment would modify the Bylaws, which currently state that no ACS funds may be used to send International Chapter officers (such chapters don't have Councilors) to National meetings, to fund such travel for Chairs or Chair-elects to National meetings with twice the funds allotted for Councilors to account for the increased expense of international travel. No explanation for the withdrawal was made and this, too, may come up again in the future.

#### Other Council Actions

Voted to continue the Committee on Science. This requires Board approval.

Voted to combine the Northeast Oklahoma section with the North Central Oklahoma section since the latter had fallen below the minimum membership for a local section.

Similarly, and closer to us, Council voted to combine the Binghamton and Norwich sections since the latter had fallen below the minimum membership.

### Meeting Registration

Total registrants were 14,059 incl Regular 8211; Students 3230; Guests 393; Exhibition-only 733; and Exhibitors 1492.

### Membership

Membership "...is on track to meet year-end goals." (160,000). The new student-member category has 12,815 similar to the number of old members (mostly within the first 5-years of membership but also including those who have retired and died) who have left.

### Changing Council Meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday

This proposal was a Special Discussion Item. Proposers wanted to make the cost of the Council less by reducing their attendance requirement to one less day. The chief objection was that it would further crowd Society governance activities either into a shorter time period or require such activities further back into the previous week. A second objection came from numerous academics who complained not about having Council meetings on Wednesday but having the Fall meeting the third week in August when many institutions were opening. A self-selected poll of Councilors conducted in July indicated a preference for changing to a Tuesday meeting date but when the Clicker votes were counted, in a straw vote (any such Bylaw proposal must be presented to Council at least one meeting before being voted up or down), 128 in favor, 225 opposed, and 56 undecided. I predict that the amendment will be withdrawn and that the Committee on Meetings and Expositions will make all new contracts, starting in 2015, for the Fall meeting for the second week in August and they will try to renegotiate the dates for 2011-2014 Fall meetings.

### Committee Reports

Nothing startling but I like to report improving news when I can. The Committee of Economic and Professional Affairs, on which I serve, provided the following data re the Career Fair at the Boston Meeting.

	Fall 2010	S2010, F2009, S2009		
Employers	68	40	38	32
Employer reps	99	63	54	41
Job Seekers	883	712	787	504
Positions	543	112	309	?
Interviews	514	259	316	?

? indicates I didn't catch the number,  
but see my previous reports

You should note that the S2009 meeting may be anomalous since it was held in out-of-the-way Salt Lake City. F2009 was in Washington; S2010 in San Francisco.

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