



2006 Fall ACS National Election Results

The certified results of the ACS 2006 Fall National Election are in and they are reported below.

For President-Elect 2007, there will be a run-off election between the top two vote-getters:

Bruce E. Bursten and Bassam Z. Shakhashiri. Bursten received 9,455 votes and Shakhashiri received 7,181. The remaining votes were cast for James A. Walsh at 4,745 and Yorke E. Rhodes at 2,918. Run-off ballots for President-Elect were mailed on November 15, with a due date of December 15.

For Director-at-Large 2007, the candidates receiving the most votes were as

follows: Dennis Chamot at 201, Valerie J. Kuck at 189, and Marinda Li Wu at 184. Chamot and Kuck will fill 2007-2009 terms on the Board, and Wu will

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fill the 2007-2008 term created by the resignation of Director-at-Large James Burke. Other candidates received votes as follows: William H. Breazeale, Jr., 97; Peter K. Dorhout, 137; Paul R. Jones, 112; and Dorothy J. Phillips, 115.

The District 1 membership elected Anne T. O’Brien to the Board to fill a 2007-2009 term with a vote count of 1,920 vs. a vote count of 1,588 for Thomas R. Gilbert. The membership of District V elected Judith L. Benham with 2,178 votes over John E. Adams who received 1,506 votes. Benham also will fill a 2007-2009 term on the Board.

The total number of votes cast for President-Elect (including ineligible ballots) was 24,417, or 15.8% of all eligible voters. Of this total, 63.6% were cast via the internet.

ConC to Hold New Committee Chair Orientation at 2007 Leaders Conference

In addition to assisting and advising in the appointment of the chairs and members of Society committees, the Committee on Committees (ConC) also offers an orientation/training conference for newly appointed chairs. At the fall Council meeting, Committee on Committees

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chair Neil Jespersen announced that ConC will

conduct its annual New Chairs Training Conference in Baltimore, Maryland January 26-28, 2007, as part of the ACS Leaders Conference.

The New Chairs Training Conference offers an opportunity for newly appointed committee chairs

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ACS Governance Review: A Status Report

In 2005, the ACS Board of Directors and the Council Policy Committee (CPC) jointly appointed a Governance Review Task Force and charged it with reviewing the Society's governance, and Constitution and Bylaws, to ensure that the Society has a governing framework to enable it to best fulfill its mission, meet member needs, and remain a world-class organization.

The Task Force developed a framework that emphasizes rethinking the "function" of a set of five key elements of the Society's governance, which are: membership, geographical organization, disciplinary organization, governance structure, and governance operations. The ideas for possible change made up 23 "talking points" spread across the 5

major themes. Beginning at the ACS National Meeting in Atlanta, presentations of the talking points were made to

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committees, caucuses, and to the ACS Council. In addition, a website was created to obtain member perspectives, and presentations were made and handouts distributed at spring ACS Regional Meetings. Hundreds of comments were received from committees and individual ACS members.

All this feedback was discussed by the Board of Directors and the Council Policy Committee this summer. The two groups completed a survey to begin establishing areas of consensus and, at a

joint meeting in connection with the ACS National Meeting in San Francisco, prioritized the talking points into one of three categories: Advance, Refine, or Stop. Those talking points voted to "Advance" will have Action Teams from the Task Force and the relevant committees appointed to carry them forward. Those voted to "Refine" will be reconsidered, with another round of committee and member discussion of refined ideas scheduled for 2007. Those voted to "Stop" will not receive further consideration from the Task Force.

Moving forward, the process will continue to emphasize an ongoing dialogue with committees and the membership. Look for the latest news on this and other strategic initiatives on the ACS website at www.chemistry.org/governance.

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to received information on what it takes to successfully lead an ACS committee. Previous topics have included the incorporation of Robert's Rules of Order, Committee Finances and Budgeting, the Role of ConC and the ConC Liaison, the assistance provided by staff liaisons, and more. In addition, this interactive conference allows new chairs the opportunity to network with each other. New chairs also have the benefit of attending the Society Leaders Conference where they receive the latest information on effective leadership and what's working in today's environment.

The New Chair Training Conference typically receives good reviews and ConC continues to remain alert to enhancements to better serve this new cadre of leaders.

Look for the list of new committee chair appointments in our next issue.



Attention Committee Chairs!

The Committee on Nominations and Elections will be meeting in a special retreat on February 23-25, 2007 to review:

- the current campaign guidelines
- the petition process, and
- voting methodologies

Comments or questions should be directed to committee chair Barbara Sawrey at bsawrey@ucsd.edu



Committee Profile: Committee on Patents and Related Matters

Charles F. Hauff, Jr., Chair

The Committee on Patents and Related Matters (CPRM) is a joint Board – Council Committee. Both the Board and the Council call upon CPRM to study and make recommendations on matters of importance to the ACS relating to intellectual property and related matters. Intellectual property rights are an integral component of innovation. In turn, over the history of our nation, innovation has provided a major stimulus to the health and growth of the U.S. chemical enterprise.

CPRM focuses on three main areas: educating ACS members about intellectual property issues important to the chemical enterprise; nominating chemists for national awards to recognize the innovations and contributions to society of chemists; and monitoring legislative and regulatory developments influencing intellectual property.

CPRM seeks to highlight and acknowledge the intellectual property contributions of chemists. To this end, CPRM nominates chemists for the National Medal of Technology, the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the National Women's Hall of Fame. CPRM actively welcomes

suggestions for each of these prestigious awards.

CPRM also produces several educational tools to assist and inform members on patent issues and other intellectual property matters important to a successful career in the chemical enterprise. The committee's expanded website, <http://membership.acs.org/C/CPRM/>, contains

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helpful materials on intellectual property and the chemical enterprise. CPRM is pleased to announce that it has recently completed a supplement to its very popular 2002 publication of the third edition of *What Every Chemist Should Know About Patents*. This publication and the newly completed supplement are now available to be downloaded from the CPRM website.

Finally, CPRM closely monitors proposed changes in intellectual property law and analyzes how these proposed changes would impact ACS members and the chemical enterprise. For several years, major stakeholders in intellectual property issues, including the National Academy

of Sciences, the Federal Trade Commission, and various intellectual property law associations have been assessing the health and growth of the patent system. These groups issued reports analyzing the patent system. More important, they have recommended far-reaching changes to the U.S. patent laws.

Meanwhile, in Congress, serious efforts are underway to turn these recommendations into law. The committee is closely monitoring legislation currently pending before the House and Senate which would make major changes to U.S. intellectual property laws.

The committee's discussions have highlighted differences between small and large inventors; universities and corporations; and the chemical industry and other industrial sectors. CPRM is currently drafting a policy statement addressing many of the ongoing legislative efforts. This draft statement will be forwarded to the ACS Board of Directors for its consideration.

For more information about CPRM, please contact, the committee chair Chuck Hauff at chauff@swlaw.com or (602) 382-6314, or staff liaison David Smorodin at d_smorodin@acs.org or (202) 872-4510. Alternatively, please visit our website at <http://membership.acs.org/C/CPRM/>.

ACS Committee on Patent and Related Matters—Current Membership

Members

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Victor Hruby
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David Saari
Sandra Thompson
Allen Bloom
Bob Howell
Valerie McDevitt
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Barbara Lences
Howard Peters

Staff Liaison - David Smorodin

BOG Update on Leadership Development

Carol A. Duane and Eric C. Bigham, Co-chairs

The ACS Board Oversight Group (BOG) was pleased to have the opportunity at the Fall National Meeting to visit many of our member stakeholder groups during their committee meetings to talk about the progress of implementation of the ACS Leadership Development System (LDS). This update is in response to your enthusiastic reception of the concept of this definitive member benefit and the requests for the results of the field testing of the learning assets.

The pilot testing of the three facilitated-format learning modules scheduled for Phase One development, *Involving Volunteers*, *Coaching Volunteers*, and *Engaging Volunteers in Dialogue*, was carried out with a diverse, cross-Society sampling of current and emerging ACS leaders representative of the various Society groups, at both the local and national level. In addition, the 360° competencies assessment tool was tested in conjunction with the piloting of the *Extraordinary Leaders* workshop, the training course designed for advanced leaders, prior to the fall national meeting. Again, a diverse population of developing and advanced leaders rep-

resenting the various ACS leadership arenas was invited to pilot this training asset designed for volunteers in intermediate to advanced leadership roles within the Society.

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lytical critiques, substantive suggestions, and thoughtful feedback have been considered and incorporated into the workshop format and content. The attendees strongly endorsed the value of the knowledge and tools they received for increasing their leadership effectiveness in their ACS roles. Many came away with specific ideas to utilize and definitive plans to strengthen their leadership skills. The participants enthusiastically agreed that the activities and examples depicted in the workshops had been well designed to be relevant to leadership and coaching in ACS situations. However, they also recognized that these concepts and skills would be highly effective and

readily transferable to the workplace and in other areas of community involvement.

The strongest acknowledgement of the quality and value of the workshops came in the form of requests for immediate deployment of the workshops to a broader base of members. BOG has therefore decided to hold beta-test versions of the *Involving Volunteers* workshop at the 2007 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM), May 16-18 at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA and the Western Regional Meeting in San Diego October 9-13. Similar opportunities are being offered to other regional meeting planners for 2008 and 2009.

Right in line with these commitments, BOG has the following activities on track for completion by the end of this year: deployment of the two e-mediated modules, *The ACS and You* and *Articulating Personal Goals*; development and implementation of the Train the Trainer clinic; development of the LDS marketing plan, and installation of the BOG web page. As we proceed with the LDS implementation, we continue to emphasize the importance of your feedback. We invite your comment, input and participation in our implementation efforts. Send your thoughts to leaders@acs.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

OLGA Asks Committee Members to Call Senate Leaders

This fall, the Office of Legislative and Government Affairs (OLGA) experimented with a new advocacy method by asking members of several ACS committees to call the offices of Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) and Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) in support of the National Competitiveness Investment Act, a bill that would authorize a substantial increase in federal funding for basic research and math and science education. On September 22, members of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, the Society Committee on Education, the Com-

mittee on Environmental Improvement, and Corporation Associates were contacted via e-mail and asked to call the offices of Senators Frist and Reid in the next 24 hours to urge them to co-sponsor the bill.

This move came amidst a major push by ACS and its allies in the scientific, business, and education communities to convince the Senate's leadership to introduce the bill before the Senate recessed for the fall elections. Each of the committees involved in this experiment had been briefed a week earlier by OLGA at the Fall National Meeting about the possible introduction of the legislation, and were poised to act with

more than 20% of the members contacted able to call Congress in just one day. As it turns out, Senators Frist and Reid did introduce the legislation several days later and OLGA later learned from Senator Frist's staff that positive feedback from the scientific community played a role in the Senator's decision to move forward with the bill. Brad Smith, OLGA's lead for member involvement stated the following: "Having our most committed volunteers get involved in communicating to Congress is a tremendous tool in advancing ACS policy priorities. Our experiment was a success!"

Committee Chair and Staff Liaison - Roles and Responsibilities

(Excerpt from the Committee on Committees—Standards for Committee Chair and Staff Liaison Interactions)

Committee Chair

1. Uses committee's mission statement to guide thrust or direction.
2. Presides over committee meetings in a professional and orderly manner.
3. Exhibits strong leadership and communication skills.
4. Encourages members to be participatory in establishing and discussing agenda items.
5. Focuses on members' strengths in making subcommittee assignments.
6. Understands the committee structure.
7. Sets reasonable deadlines on assigned tasks.
8. Establishes and follows up on action items.
9. Promotes professional development of committee members.
10. Works well with staff liaison.

Staff Liaison

1. Understands the staff liaison's role and responsibilities.
2. Provides support to the committee in a professional manner.
3. Exhibits awareness of the committee's mission and associated goals.
4. Understands the committee's structure.
5. Provides in-depth knowledge and supporting information during meetings.
6. Works well with the chair.
7. Follows up on assignments and action items.
8. Provides a carefully prepared and easy to follow agenda book.
9. Submits documents and committee communications in a timely manner.



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**The next issue of
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**The deadline
for submissions is
February 12.**



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Mark Your Calendar!

ACS Board of Directors
Regular Meeting

Sunday, March 25, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Sheraton Chicago
Hotel & Towers

ACS Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

8:00 a.m.

Sheraton Chicago
Hotel & Tower