

Report from ACS Council Meeting at Boston National Meeting

August 22, 2018

Two amendments to the ACS By-laws concerning International Chapters were approved.

Amendments to the ACS Bylaws

- *A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that Council approve the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters achieved the two-thirds majority required to amend Bylaw XI, Section 3 accordingly (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):*

*Affiliations of SOCIETY Local Sections or Divisions shall become effective upon authorization by their governing body, **approval by their respective Council committees governing Local Sections and Divisions**, and ~~by~~ confirmation by the Council Committee on Constitution and Bylaws acting for the Council, that the provisions of Section 1 of this Bylaw are met.*

The changes will become effective upon confirmation by the Board of Directors.

- *A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that Council approve the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters achieved the two-thirds majority required to amend Bylaw IX, Section 4 accordingly (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):*

*An International Chemical Sciences Chapter ~~shall receive no allotment of funds from the SOCIETY and shall not be entitled to elected representation on the Council.~~ A Chapter may assess **its members local Chapter** dues to be expended for its own purposes in harmony with the objects of the SOCIETY.*

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Special Discussion

President Dorhout introduced and led a special discussion on what role(s) ACS should play in preventing sexual harassment in the sciences.

To further inform the discussion and Councilor input, a brief survey was conducted using the audience electronic response system. The results of the survey are listed below.

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Have you ever witnessed or experienced sexual harassment at an ACS meeting or ACS event? (413 responses)

Yes 23% (94) No 77% (319)

Have you ever witnessed or experienced sexual harassment at an ACS meeting or ACS event, or in your professional workplace or learning environment? (182 women / 223 men responded)

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Yes	77% (141)	57% (127)
No	23% (41)	43% (96)

How familiar are you with the ACS Codes and initiatives for professional conduct? (417 responses)

Very Familiar	38% (157)
Vaguely Familiar	46% (192)
Not Familiar	16% (68)

Has your local section or division instituted a sexual harassment policy of its own? (419 responses)

Yes	3% (12)
No	73% (309)
Don't Know	23% (98)

Nominations and Elections

Ballots for the 2018 fall national election will be distributed October 1-3, with a voting deadline four weeks later, on October 31. ACS members eligible to vote and with an email address on file will receive an electronic ballot with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no email address on file will be sent a paper ballot but with the option to vote electronically. The ACS election vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, will send three email reminders during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder date.

Boston Meeting Attendance

The theme of the 256th ACS National Meeting was "Nanoscience, Nanotechnology, and Beyond." As of Tuesday evening, August 21, attendance was:

Attendees	8294
Students	3671

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<i>Exhibitors</i>	1181
<i>Expo only</i>	576
<i>Guest</i>	513
Total	14,235

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Membership Affairs

As of August 21, ACS had 149,584 members, which is a decline of only eight-tenths of one percent from the over 150,000 members in 2017. This year-to-date figure represents an increase of over 1,200 members when compared to the last two years. It was noted that five of last seven months have been respectively the best months for membership since at least 2014. The current membership count positions ACS for a strong close to the year, and there is cautious optimism that total membership will rise for the first time since 2011.

Budget and Finance

The Society's 2018 Probable 1 Projection calls for a Net from Operations of \$31.8 million. This is \$1.3 million favorable to the Approved Budget. Total revenues are projected to be \$565.1 million, which is \$5.7 million or 1.0% favorable to the Budget. Total expenses are projected at \$553.3 million, which is \$4.4 million or 0.8% unfavorable to the Budget.

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