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**Management's Statement of Responsibility
and
Audited Financial Statements**

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The management of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and, as such, include amounts based on estimates and judgments by management.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by the independent accounting firm KPMG LLP, which was given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors. Their report, which follows, expresses their opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements, considered in their entirety, fairly present the Society's financial position, operating results, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management believes that all representations made to the independent auditors during their audit were valid and appropriate.

The Society maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting which is designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Society's management and the ACS Board of Directors that assets are safeguarded, transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, and accounting records support the preparation of reliable published financial statements. The Society's internal controls are maintained through the establishment and communication of accounting and financial policies and procedures and by the selection and training of qualified personnel. There are, however, inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal controls, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. Accordingly, even an effective internal control system can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Furthermore, the effectiveness of an internal control system can change with circumstances.

The Audit Committee of the ACS Board of Directors has a charter in place that outlines the Committee's responsibilities, which include engaging the independent auditors, reviewing accounting, auditing, internal control, and financial reporting matters, and meeting with management and the independent auditors to ensure that each is carrying out their responsibilities. Recommendations made by the independent auditors are considered and appropriate action is taken with respect to these recommendations. The independent auditors have unrestricted access to the Audit Committee.

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