

Council Oral Report
San Diego, March 28, 2012
Committee on Committees
Dawn A. Brooks, Chair

Mr. President and Members of Council:

The Committee on Committees (ConC) held its annual New Chairs Training Conference in January, for nine new chairs and their staff liaisons, as part of the ACS Leadership Development Institute. The session was once again rated very highly by the conference attendees.

ConC has begun developing its recommendations for 2013 committee chair appointments for consideration by the President-Elect and the Chair of the Board of Directors.

ConC has acted on a request from the Senior Chemists Task Force to consider the establishment of an ACS Senior Chemists Committee. ConC will bring a specific recommendation to Council in Philadelphia that Council approve the establishment of such a committee, as a Joint Board-Council Committee, with the following charge:

- Sharing with ACS members of all ages a rich variety of personal experiences and expertise gained over many years of professional service;
- Fostering interest and participation in the science of chemistry through community outreach, especially in grades K-12;
- Acting as science advisers/ambassadors for the purpose of cultural exchange at home and abroad; and
- Providing senior ACS members with challenging, diverse, and enjoyable professional experiences that enable them to contribute to the cultural experiences of the communities in which they reside.

Performance reviews for the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities and Professional Training have been completed, and ConC's recommendation for the continuation of these committees will appear on the Council agenda for the fall national meeting in Philadelphia.

A performance review for the Committee on Project SEED has been completed and is on the Council agenda for action at this meeting. This review does not appear in the agenda book.

On behalf of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, I move that the Committee on Project SEED be continued.

The online preference form will be available starting in mid-May. Please remember that those finishing a term or who have reached the statutory limit on a committee are strongly encouraged to complete the online form to reaffirm your interest and commitment to service in the Society. You can also use this system to update your Yellow Book contact and biographical information throughout the year. A form for recommending ACS members for committee service is also found on page 57 of the Council agenda.

Finally, ConC would like to take this opportunity to recognize all new Councilors, and encourage them to consider service through the Society's committee structure. An orientation session was

held this past Saturday for these individuals, to better acquaint them with the Council and its structure.

Mr. President and members of Council, this concludes my report.