**Committee on Divisional Activities**

Council Report

246th ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

September 2013

Madam President and Fellow Councilors:

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) reviewed a petition from the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry to change its name to the Division of Colloids, Surfaces, and Nanomaterials.

DAC polled all 32 divisions to obtain their views on this request. As this slide indicates, 22 of our 32 divisions registered either implicit or explicit neutrality - or no objection - to the new name, while six registered opposition, and four expressed support.

At the 2013 New Orleans national meeting, DAC voted to approve this petition. Madame President, I so move.

DAC received an update regarding the replacement of PACS, the software application used to organize national and regional meeting technical programs. ACS volunteers and staff have agreed that the best vendor to support the collection and administration of abstracts for ACS meetings is Thompson Reuters/Scholar One. The 2015 spring national meeting in Denver will be the first national meeting using Scholar One.

DAC voted to fund 12 Innovative Project Grants (IPG) totaling $76,000. DAC has already alerted divisions as to the outcome of the IPG applications considered by DAC at this meeting. The committee will consider another set of IPG proposals at the Dallas National Meeting; the deadline for that round of submissions is February 1, 2014.

DAC is working with the International Activities Committee (IAC) to help divisions identify and pursue overseas opportunities that will help them advance their missions. The two committees recently received extensive data from divisions regarding their international engagement efforts. We are in the process of carefully assessing this information, and in the near future, we will further consult with divisions on developing resources that respond to their specific needs in this area.

Operating as a DAC subcommittee, the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group confirmed the 2015 national meeting themes:

* For the Spring meeting in Denver: “Extraction, Refining, and Conservation*”*
* For the Fall meeting in Boston: “History of Innovation: From Discovery to Application”

At the 2014 Dallas National Meeting, DAC will present a recommendation to Council regarding the committee’s proposed formula for allocating funds to divisions.

Madam President and fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.